

Newbury Historical Society
Minutes
January 11, 2018

Board members present: Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler, Gay Sheary, Paula Falkowski, Ashley Geddes and John Lyons.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Minutes: The Minutes of November 15, 2017 were approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: See attached.

Membership: See attached. Margie noted that the seven complimentary memberships were for: Bradford Historical Society, Henniker Historical Society, New Hampshire Historical Society, New London, Historical Society, Sunapee Historical Society, Sutton Historical Society and Washington Historical Society.

Annual Meeting: Gay indicated she is stepping down from coordinating the annual meeting speaker. John said he would take this on and research current topic offerings on the New Hampshire Humanities website. He will report his findings to us so we can pick a date and begin publicity for the annual meeting.

Archives: Bill reported he gave a tutorial on using the Box to access Newbury Historical Society's archive in the Cloud at the History Committee meeting earlier in the week. He reported that the digitization of the Town's books has slowed because of technical difficulties with hand written data. Paula asked about digitizing the town reports. Bill said they started in 1878 (missing 1908) and it is something for us to think about. John asked about Bill's collection of photos and if they could be put in the Box. It's a possibility but also a lot of work. Bill noted that he is researching the N.C. Lear property behind the Newbury Quick Stop and the Cilley Tavern (now Kitewing).

Historic House Markers: Bill is working on the title search for property at 17 Washington Street. His research indicates he might have to check probate records.

History Committee: Deane indicated that part of Tuesday's meeting was a lesson on the Box. We then used documents from the Box to research a list of six Newbury properties John found in an 1899 Catalogue of New Hampshire Farms for Summer Homes.

Newsletter: Deane, Ashley and Paula continue to meet and work on a newsletter. John said he would work on an article inspired by his research on Newbury properties that relates to how assisted living was indicated in deeds from the 1800s.

Old Home Day: N/A

South Newbury Buildings: In preparation for restoring Newbury's historic theater curtains, Paula reported that she and Joy Nowell went to evaluate the Slader curtain, which was supposedly stored in the Vets Hall, and found it had been moved to the barn at the Fishersfield recreation area. Joy reports it has undergone deterioration from what part she could see, but we will have to await further assessment once weather conditions allow it to be moved. Paula also reported she is awaiting a quote to paint the ceiling in the Old Town Hall from Mike Menino, which needs to be done before the Lake Sunapee curtain can be restored. Bill reported that Paula Sagerman's proposal for the three historic buildings should be completed by the end of March.

Website: Margie continues to keep the website up to date.

Other Business: We discussed participation in the PALS brochure. We voted to continue using it for publicity, provided we can get the annual meeting information in on time. Paula would also like to use it for any curtain restoration programs needed for fulfillment of the moose plate grant.

New Business: John wondered if the Newbury Historical Society would be interested in helping the South Newbury Union Church with their capital campaign. After some discussion, we decided to table the matter for a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

Next Board Meetings: March 8, May 10, July 12, Sept. 13, November 8, 2018