

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting held on March 14, 2016
Town Offices

President Marc Davis opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. In attendance were Nola Aldrich, Fred Ogmundson, Julie Morse, Susan Finney, Mary Fanelli, and Elizabeth Kirby.

Secretary's report: Minutes of January 11, 2016 amended and accepted.

Treasurer's report

Checking Account: \$10,346.58
Memorial Fund: \$4,446.67
Building Fund : \$21,016.28
Working Fund: \$10,062.55
Expenses to date: \$2,447.95
Member Count: 85
Dues thus far: \$415
Donations: \$1,760

NEW BUSINESS

WFM Education Tent: The Wilmot Historical Society and the New London Historical Society will team up to do a presentation in the Wilmot Farmers Market education tent this summer featuring the many garments and artifacts that Lindy Heim has accumulated in our education collection. The New London Historical Society has borrowed many of the garments for use during their programs. Lindy and Patty McGoldrick, the NLHS executive director, will get together to decide on a date.

OLD BUSINESS

Boston Cane: Liz Kirby reported that she is working on a notice to go into the newspaper letting people know that the WHS is looking for the oldest person in Wilmot to be the new recipient of the Boston Cane. She will give a copy of the notice to Rhonda for her to send out with her email list. Lindy Heim will distribute it to the various publications. So far Liz feels that Frank Davenport's wife might be the person who would qualify. Rhonda Gauthier, town clerk, thinks there might be someone else who is older, so Liz will see if she can find out who that person might be.

Membership: Mary asked if the board would like her to send out a post card reminder for dues. Answer was affirmative.

Preservation and Acquisition: Marc Davis and Fred Ogmundson have been meeting with Betsy Forsham to look over the vast collection of artifacts that are stored in the Forsham home on North Wilmot Road. Of note are the many diaries, journals, letters, and photos. Fred and Marc are keeping a list of the items they have viewed. One item is a 40-year journal that was kept by Josephine (Josie) Spaulding Goodhue.

Fred met with Margaret Campbell who gave him more of the Isaac Youngman journals. There is also a journal by Simon Grace. Margaret gave us a large key that was used in the Town Hall in Wilmot Center that burned in 1907.

May 8 Program: Mary has been in touch with Dr. Robert Goodby from Franklin Pierce University. Professor Goodby will be giving a talk on “Digging into Native History in NH”. Press release has been sent to the Andover Beacon and ads will be prepared and sent to the Beacon, the InterTown, and the Shopper. Budget is \$150. The press release and the poster are on the front page of our website.

Quilts for display: Julie Morse is continuing to search out suitable places to display three quilts. One possibility is the library and another is the Wilmot Community Center.

Grant for video: Mary wrote to the Barnard Foundation to ask for a \$2500 grant toward the next video transcription—Loretta Rayno and Freedom Acres. With this grant and the generous gift from Nola Aldrich, we should be able to complete another video this year.

Cracker Barrel – Annual Meeting Oct 30: Liz Kirby has been going through the list of charter members of the WHS to see who is still alive and might want to come to take part in the Cracker Barrel at the annual meeting. The list is from 1977. This will be the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Wilmot Historical Society.

Thompson Diaries: The Thompson diaries are ready to be picked up from Keene State College. Mary offered to do this when she is in Keene on March 21. Marc will give the archivist a call to see if the diaries and a digital copy can be picked up on that date.

The next board meeting will be April 11 at 1 p.m. in the Town Office

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fanelli for Judy Hauck