

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting
October 3, 2016
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

DRAFT – will be reviewed at next meeting

Present: Marc Davis, Lindy Heim, Nola Aldrich, Liz Kirby, Fred Ogmundson, Julie Morse and later, Mary Fanelli

Secretary's Report:

The Minutes for the August 29th meeting will be read at a future date.

Curiosity Shop

The Curiosity Shop is closed for the season but netted the WHS over \$3,000 during the 2 months it was open for business as part of the Wilmot Farmers' Market. Recently a check for \$52 was received from Go Lightly Home Décor as our commission for CS items left there for sale after the regular season.

Program and Annual Meeting November 6, 2016

This meeting's primary focus was planning for the upcoming event in November.

WHS president Marc Davis brought the NH School Register to share with the board. He pointed out that attendance was taken on site at all the district schools and recorded in these record books. They contain sensitive information like pass/fail grades and the reasons for such so this information will not be shared publically.

Liz Kirby shared two town Annual Reports, those for 1881 and 1882, which she believes were the first to contain school records. 20th century town reports contained only attendance figures. In the 1882 report, 91 boys ages 5 to 15 yrs. attended Wilmot one-room schoolhouses as did 123 girls of the same age spread. In 1899 there were only 92 students reported to be in the system.

Liz has more research materials to draw from to share during the planned "Wilmot One-Room School Reunion" program scheduled to start immediately after the Annual Meeting, which begins at 1:30 pm on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016. There is a need for a panel of 10 or 12 selected persons to sit up front. Pairs of them can chat about "what it was like in those days" amongst themselves as well as to elicit comments and questions from the audience. Liz will compile a list and give the list to Julie Morse, who will line up the selected persons by October 21st.

Fred will focus on 2 schools during his presentation. He asked about which props held by us are connected to a one-room school and could be shown to get the audience psyched up. The items are 1) earthenware jug for water and 2) bell; perhaps even Marni Eaton (local resident and teacher). Other items suggested were name tags only for the reunion people. Tags would show Name – School – Last Year Attended.

Miscellaneous

Action Item List Tabled

Charter Member Project Tabled

The ToDo list for WHS hosted events was read and assignments were made. **Set up by all board members is 12:30 pm the day of the event and Janet will be requesting refreshment help.**

Next Meeting – TO BE DETERMINED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindy Heim and Nola Aldrich, fill in secretaries for this meeting