

**Wilmot Historical Society**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on August 10, 2015**  
**Town Offices at 1:10 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.**

Present: Nola Aldrich, Lindy Heim, Sue Finney, Julie Morse, Judy Hauck, Mary Fanelli, Liz Kirby (for the Veterans Memorial Committee) and Marc Davis

**Secretary's report** – approved

**Treasurer's report**

Checking Account -	\$13,079.52
Memorial Fund -	\$4,446.67
CDs:	\$20,988.22 and \$10,042.41
Expenses to date:	\$3,395.10
Member Count	94

**New Business – Marc**

**Keene State Archives**

It was moved and approved that the WHS make a \$100.00 donation to the Keene State archives. Mark will check to be sure that the donation will go solely to the archives, rather than to the general college funds.

**Thompson homestead photos**

On Saturday at 9:30 Marc and Sue will meet with the Thompsons at their family homestead and take 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pictures.

**Video updates**

The board reviewed Theresa Chamberland's revised video and liked the addition of subtitles, since it is sometimes difficult to understand what the interviewees are saying. Theresa will try to find someone to do transcriptions of the interviews. The possibility of purchasing a microphone to increase the clarity of what is being said was raised.

Since we will be paying Theresa \$2,500 per video, it was suggested that we investigate how to make the work less time-consuming and thus less costly. Mary, Lindy and Theresa will come up with an itemized list of necessary equipment – i.e. a lapel microphone — and will also research the availability of grant money for this project.

Nola moved that we pay Theresa Chamberland half of the \$2,500 for the Jack McAuliffe video now, and half when the video is completed. Motion was approved.

It was suggested that the Donald Hall DVD be uploaded to the WHS web site. Marc asked if his scanned documents from school records could be uploaded but password protected so that it is only available to people with a password members. Mary will check with Paul Carnevale about how to accomplish this.

**Genealogy ideas – Liz Kirby**

Liz suggested that the WHS obtain a \$190.00 membership in Ancestry.com to which site all board members would have access. We might also allow WHS members paid access. Mary moved that she purchase a one-year membership. Motion was approved.

**Curiosity Shop - Lindy**

Lindy reported that on August 1 the shop brought in \$114.50, and on August 8, \$287.00. Our total earnings to date are \$2196.25.

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### **History Room**

All volunteer spots are filled for the rest of the season.

### **Preservation and Acquisition – Marc**

Marc reported on his, Sue's, and Judy's visit with Betsy Forsham at her mother Connie Forsham's home where all agreed to examine the contents of one (of a very large number of boxes) box each month to see if the contents should be acquired by the WHS. The first meeting for this purpose will be on Wed., Sept. 16, from 9:30 – noon.

Our next meeting will be at 1:00 PM September 14, in the Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hauck

## *WHS Action Item List – August 2015*

Julie will:

- Get dimension of and help display the quilt safely in a public domain – perhaps the Library or the WCA.

Marc will:

- Give Mary the formal name and address of the Keene archival group to process the donation
- Figure out what to do about the return of the Wilmot PO sorting table by the AHS
- write Connie Jordon, the WCA and the WPL giving them the quilt dimensions
- check on scanner prices
- Complete an offsite storage form for the WHS artifacts at your residence
- Download Thompson diaries onto the WHS computer
- Grant monies
- Judy and Marc will consider a summer scanning project and photo contest 2014. Leading from the Cracker Barrel Program – special meetings with specific families.
- Sue Finney and Marc will try out the Wilmot family homes project starting with a couple of old Wilmot families to work out the kinks before a full blown effort
- Make a date with Betsy to view and help organize the collection she wishes us to have
- With Judy, consider a summer photo scanning project

Lindy will:

- Work with Mary and Theresa Chamberlain to improve video interviews and the accessibility of the collection physically and online.
- manage the transcribing program on trial with Kim White starting with a couple of oral history tapes

Fred will:

- organize the Ann. Mtg. program in Nov. featuring Betsy Forsham's family and treasures

Mary will:

- make website updates including adding a password protected area – **emailed Paul on 15Aug.**
- help summer docents collect info on people featured on the WHS website ???
- Work with Lindy and Theresa Chamberlain on improving video interviews and find grant monies for Theresa's work (new video equipment? Lapel mic, camera, Dragon Dictate program)

**Our next board meeting will be Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.  
At the Town Offices meeting room**