# Wilmot Historical Society Minutes of Meeting Feb. 17, 2017 Town office 1:06 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Present were: Marc Davis, Fred Ogmundsen, Mary Fanelli, Julie Morse, Judy Hauck, Nancy Bates, Sue Finney, Nola Aldrich, Lindy Heim, Pat Brown and Liz Kirby.

# Secretary's report

**Judy Hauck** 

Read and accepted

# Treasurer's report

Mary Fanelli

Checking: \$13,636.24 Memorial Fund: \$4,446.67

CDs: \$21,055.12 (Building Fund) and \$10,090.45 (Savings)

Expenses to date: \$2,689.00 (includes \$2,000 sent to Theresa Chamberland for Loretta Rayno

video project)

\$420.00 Maintenance fee for web site

\$97.24 for postage \$175.00 for newsletter \$47.00 for stamps

\$75.00 filing fee for the NH Charitable Trust

\$31.00 Program advertising

**Donations** \$2240.00

**Member Count: 70** 

Marc suggested that

- 1. Mary create an overall budget document that would be useful in applying for grants. (She has already done so).
- 2. We begin to track volunteer hours to include in another report

### **NEW AND OLD BUSINESS**

Marc recently received an e-mail from John Hodgson <a href="https://example.com/hodgson@Princeton.edu">hodgson@Princeton.edu</a> about John's interest in any Youngman diaries from before 1837, or any other diaries for the period 1805-1835. (Possibly Bean diaries)? Marc will respond to his request.

**Thank you** to Mary for publishing the WHS Newsletter

#### Civil War Program

The program was very enjoyable and well attended. It was moved and approved that the WHS make a donation of \$100 to the Newmont Military Band (a 501c3) in the name of Steve

Gasiorowski. The brass instrument that Steve presented and played was purchased from the Morey family – specifically from the estate of Ola Morey. It was moved and approved that Liz Kirby call Tyler at Perry Monument to find out the fee for engraving the four characters of Ola B. Morey's death date (1879) on her tombstone, which is in the Pine Hill Cemetery. At the end of the program Steve and Jim Sindelar presented the WHS with a poster donated by Dr. John Aspines of Bellingam, WA, that advertises performances by the Wilmot Kearsarge Cornet Band. It was moved and approved that this poster be framed in the style of the posters now hanging in the WCA. Mary will do this. Judy will send thank you letters.

#### **Boston Cane recipient**

Liz Kirby

Liz reported that Ann and Franklin Davenport are both ill. She spoke with their daughter, Sandy Davenport, who reported that Franklin is now in the hospital. After some discussion of whether the cane could be presented to Ann only, if Franklin does not survive, and of possible alternative recipients, it was decided that we wait to make any decision.

## **Oral History Videos update**

Mary Fanelli

Theresa Chamberland has finished the 2016 video project, which Mary has uploaded to the WHS web site. Mary moved that an additional fee of \$100.00 to be paid to Theresa, for a total payment of \$600.00. Vote was unanimous.

It was moved and seconded that a committee should be established to prioritize what oral history project or projects should be undertaken for 2017. The committee includes Nancy Bates, Lindy Heim, Pat Brown, Fred Ogmundsen and Liz Kirby.

Kim White is till working on transcription, and her progress will be updated at the next meeting. Judy has the videos of the Schoolhouse event, and will examine them to see what kind of editing they will need.

Curiosity Shop Lindy Heim

For next summer, Lindy proposed that the Curiosity Shop be open on the first Saturday of July and August, and the third Saturday in August.

#### Recent generous gift to the WHS: ideas for spending

It was moved and approved that \$600.00 of the \$1,100.00 gift be used for Historical Society operations, and the remaining \$500.00 be used to build shelving in the history room.

Programs Fred Ogmundsen

Fred presented a list of 11 suggested programs from the NHHC catalogue of which the Board selected 4 as good candidates:

Yankee Ingenuity
 N.E. Quilts
 Pleasures of the Parlor
 Capital Crime of Witchcraft
 Jo Radner
 Pamela Weeks
 Marya Danihel
 Margo Burns

The final program selected was Yankee Ingenuity, since many of those familiar with the presenters especially liked Jo Radnor's previous presentation on storytelling. After a short discussion, it was decided that, rather than go through the NHHS, we should contact Jo Radnor directly, which Mary volunteered to do.

#### **New Action items**

Fred will consider a program on the origins of the Wilmot Historical Society as our next Cracker Barrel event.

We have received an invitation from the New London Historical Society to join them and the Andover Historical Society in a collaborative summer program on Transportation. The program would include the Wilmot hearse.

#### **New meeting dates**

It was decided that from now on the WHS Board should meet on Wednesdays at 1:00. The next meeting will be on March 15.

Meeting concluded at around 2:30

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hauck, secretary