

Wilmot Historical Society Annual Meeting (2020 & 2021)

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Wilmot Town Hall, 9 North Wilmot Road

Business meeting

Board chair Elizabeth Kirby called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. with 33 people present. Liz announced that the reports from the various committees would not be read aloud this year but referred attendees to the printed annual report available at the front door.

Board elections

Terms for Catherine Stearns, Mary Fanelli, and Judith Hauck ended in 2020, but there was no annual meeting or election because of the pandemic. All three have agreed to serve again for 2-year terms to expire in 2023.

The motion to re-elect the three candidates was made by Carolyn Rayno, seconded by Marc Davis. All were in favor.

Terms for Fred Ögmundson, Julie Morse, Liz Kirby, and Lindy Heim all expired in 2021. Lindy chose not run again, but Heather Mather agreed to run for Lindy's position.

Bill Chaisson made the motion to elect Fred, Julie, Liz, and Heather to three-year terms, expiring in 2024. The motion was seconded by Nola Aldrich. All were in favor.

Judy Hauck made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Marc Davis. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at ~1:45 p.m.

The business meeting was followed by a presentation by **Steve Taylor**. Steve is a farmer, former journalist, and former commissioner of agriculture. He spoke about "**The Great Sheep Boom**" in New England, which lasted from 1809 to 1837. Steve's talk included an overview of land clearance, the provenance of Merino sheep, a description of the boom itself and its legacies to the culture and landscape of New England.

Respectfully submitted by

Bill Chaisson