

Wilmot Historical Society  
October 12, 2023  
Meeting Minutes

President, Liz Kirby, opened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Present were Heather Mather, Catherine Stearns, Mary Fanelli, and Carolyn Rayno.

Excused: Judy Hauck, Marc Davis, and Bruce Sanborn.

There were not enough board members present for a quorum, so no votes were taken.

### **Minutes**

Draft of Sept. 14 minutes will have to wait until next month for approval.

### **Treasurer**

Report was read and accepted by those present. Heather noted that all three CDs are coming due. She will roll them all over for another 12 months at 5%. (see report attached)

### **Old Business/Action Items**

- Liz wanted to make sure that the donations made in Walter Walker's name are recognized when the new building is built. Mary suggested that we make sure we have a plaque for Walter, Mac Campbell, Pat Baker, Lindy Heim and any others who have significantly contributed to the Society's effort to preserve history in Wilmot.
- Bylaws – Liz passed out a paper with the revisions she would like to see in the bylaws. She will make sure copies are available to Mary to send out to the members beforehand. Please give feedback as soon as possible.
- Catherine had the three VHS tapes from Gail Matthews digitized. The cost is \$15 each plus cost of thumb drive for storage.

**Annual Meeting** – November 5 with refreshments at 1 pm, business meeting at 1:30 pm and at 2 pm Steve Taylor will speak on “How Electricity Changed Rural Life in NH.”

- \* Mary will send out an email to solicit refreshments from all board members and those who have, in the past, expressed their interest in helping the board.
- \* Mary will turn up the heat on Saturday night or Sunday morning depending on how cold it has been.
- \* Bill Chaisson will make sure to leave a couple of tables up for refreshments. Benches are already in place.
- \* Mary will advertise and put ads in the Shopper and the InterTown. There is already one sent to the Beacon.
- \* Mary to send a reminder to all committee heads to submit to her a report for 2023. Deadline will be Oct 31.
- \* Nominations for slate for 2024 board are: Judy Hauck, Catherine Stearns and Mary Fanelli.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Acquisitions - Catherine**

The committee has not met in a group lately, but Catherine hopes to have a meeting sometime in the not too distant future. Since the last WHS meeting, we have acquired:

1. A series of booklets and pictures of Italy, which were given to Janet Schwartz's father, when he was stationed in Italy during World War II. The books were used by service members to familiarize themselves with their surroundings.
2. Old Wilmot Highway department records. Included are journals from 1994 through 2000 when Henry Patten was the Road Agent and January 2001 through 2009 when Lee Ford was the Road Agent.

Liz asked Catherine if she would write some guidelines for the acquisitions committee.

### **Genealogy – Carolyn**

The committee did not formally meet this past month. However, Carolyn and Catherine are working on a request from Ashley Lulek who is looking for information about her Wilmot ancestor William E. Walker. It's been quite a challenge, and we can see why she is having difficulty finding the information she's looking for. It turns out she has many Morey ancestors as well.

### **Building – Mary**

Local architect/designer Shub Sanyal has drawn up three options for a new home for the Society using the empty lot at 14 N. Wilmot Road. The building committee favored Option 1, as did the board members who were present at the meeting tonight. We are hoping to present the plans to the BOS this coming Wednesday if we can get on the agenda. The purpose is to fulfill the request of the board to submit a conceptual plan of how we would utilize the space. If the BOS likes the idea and would consider letting us build, then we can go ahead with more concrete plans. If not, we will have to seek another site. In any event, these drawings give us something to present to the membership at the annual meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Boston Post Cane – Liz**

Although our guidelines for awarding the cane is to wait six months, Liz would like us to keep our eyes out for potential cane recipients. It should be offered to the oldest citizen currently living in Wilmot. Anyone born before 1935 might qualify.

### **Note cards**

Mary asked if she could order more note cards with the WHS logo. With the number of monetary donations and other gifts that have come in we are running low on supply.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

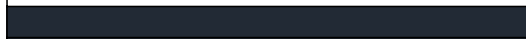
Mary Fanelli, secretary

**WHS Treasurer's Report - October 2023  
(Fiscal Year Month 12)**

<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$ 495.00
Donations	\$ 6,140.00
Grants	\$ 2,800.00
Books	\$ 108.00
Interest	\$ 67.06
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 9,610.06</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Oral Histories	\$ 4,900.00
Dues/Fees	\$ 2,386.00
Print/Advertising	\$ 464.00
Equipment	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 190.19
Digitizing	\$ 45.00
Fundraising	\$ 177.44
Supplies	\$ 266.70
Misc.	\$ 483.30
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 9,112.63</b>

<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 497.43</b>
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<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	\$ 43,908.52
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<b>Encumbrances</b>	
Veteran's Memorial	\$ 1,942.56
Building Fund	\$ 21,153.00
Town Hall Project	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total Encumbered Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 33,095.56</b>
<b>Total Unencumbered Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 10,812.96</b>

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<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Operating Checking	\$ 1,485.12
Money Market	\$ 9,327.84
6-Month CDs (Mature in Oct.)	\$ 33,095.56
<b>Total in Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 43,908.52</b>

<b>Included in Donations Amount:</b>		<b># of Donors</b>
Gifts in Honor of Walter Walker	\$ 1,445.00	14

- CDs Maturing 10/17/2023
- Renewal rate on 9/8/2023 was 4.889%
- Total accrued interest on 9/8/2023 was \$550.18

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