

Wilmot Historical Society Minutes
May 9, 2024
Wilmot Town Office

Liz Kirby opened the meeting at 5:40 pm.

In attendance were Julie Morse, Catherine Stearns Bruce Sanborn, Carolyn Rayno, and Mary Fanelli.

MINUTES from 11 April 2024 were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – accepted as emailed to BOD and attached.

- 2023 Annual audit done through the NHCT-2 filing that covers all aspects of the treasurer's bookkeeping for the current year.
- 990E form was filed. Fiscal year as indicated on the government website was in error. Bruce is attempting to correct.
- \$10K was borrowed from the building fund account to pay our pledge for the town hall. When the CD marked for this use comes due, the funds will be put back into the building account.

OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Genealogy Committee – Carolyn Rayno

The committee would like to do a more structured meeting, but they have not put together the guidelines yet. They want to create a handout to distribute in the history room this summer. Mary asked Carolyn to submit a short report after each meeting to add to the board meeting minutes.

Acquisitions Committee – Catherine Stearns

- Bill of sales 50 doz Blue socks from Green JohnsonS ON proprietors March 13, 1874. Donated by Dean Smith (80 Kearsarge Mountain Rd., Warner, NH). Via Luan Clark, Andover Historical Society.
- A postcard postmarked in Elkins May 1, 1919 from Elsie Stearns to her mother Mrs. John K. Stearns. The card is of the gazebo in Willow Park, Elkins, NH and was published by George Thurston who owned the store in Elkins. Donated by Dean Smith via Luan Clark, Andover Historical Society
- A 1905 “Merry Christmas Souvenir Wilmot Flat School”. Handmade booklet tied with a red ribbon, a poem inside and red and green Holly branches sketched on the cover. Made by Ruth Phelps. Donated by Luan Clark
- A black-and-white postcard published by Geo.Thurston of “Kearsarge mountain from Elkins New Hampshire” addressed to Mrs. John Stearns Wilmot, NH September 10, 1919. Poor shape, stained with the corners worn off including the name of the sender. Donated by Luan Clark
- A colored print of the photo of Branch Bridge Road in Wilmot, N.H. which has been used on postcards. Torn/worn on one corner. Donated by Luan Clark

Technology Committee - Mary Fanelli

Mary was asked to move the link for charter members on the front page of the website.

She reported that Paul Carnevale, Jr. has agreed to meet with her to do some design changes on the site, but she has not had the time yet to meet with him.

Program Committee – Carolyn Rayno/Mary Fanelli/Julie Morse

- Need invoice for Bruce
- Send email to solicit goodies for refreshments.
- Liz made a list of those members present who offered to bring drinks and cups. Mary will provide napkins.

Building Committee – Mary Fanelli

The committee would like to meet on May 11 at 4 pm at Mary's house to discuss next steps.

Members of the committee present voted to add Catherine Stearns to the committee.

American Revolution Summit – Bruce Sanborn/Catherine Stearns

Bruce and Catherine said they really enjoyed the meeting, Bruce brought back a lot of material that he will scan and send to the board members. The two-year celebration (2025 – 2026) will be called

American National 250.

- There are grant options for programs.
- The committee would like to know what are people planning so they can promote.
- New Hampshire was the first state to step up and declare independence.
- The board decided to form an *ad hoc* committee for American National 250 in Wilmot. Motion was made and accepted to form this committee. Catherine and Bruce volunteered to be on the committee.

Meet the Museums - Liz

A gathering of local historical societies will meet at the Ice House Museum on June 11 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. The WHS signed up for 6 attendees. We are invited to bring brochures or any promotional material. Mary will make a rack card to promote summer events and the WHS in general. It should include genealogy help. Summer hours: June 15 – Sept. 28 from 9-12 when the Wilmot Farmers Market is open (and by appt) as well as a mini-map and some photos

Bandstand supper - 7/13/24 - Nick's Other Band - Need a committee for Sara Timberlake who offered to chair. The original pot luck idea was dropped in favor of chili or American Chop Suey. Lemonade or ice tea for drinks. Liz made a list. We can finish planning at the next meeting.

Veterans Memorial

- Matthews paver has been ordered. Costs have gone up. Mary will redo the order sheet. Redo the cost sheet.
- Mary has extra pavers in her garage.
- Bruce will trim junipers around the memorial.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance – liability and board insurance. This year's liability coverage was received. The cost will be \$485. There was no discussion on board insurance.

Sorting table at AHS – Bruce will pick up the table at the Andover storage building and store it at his house.

Andover Historical Society Festival – This event used to be held in August. This year it will be on Saturday, June 29 from 10 – 4 and called the **Potter Place Festival**. WHS is invited to have a table.

Wilmot Farmers Market - June 15 to Sept 28 from 9 am - noon. The history room needs docents. Julie and Catherine will take as many Saturdays as possible. (Note: check the member list on the front page left column of the website.)

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Andover Historical Society board has invited our board to a tour of their buildings at 3 p.m. Friday, May 17. Meet in Potter Place.
- Karen Hanson, Bruce, and Liz have registered for the NH Archives Group spring workshop in Portsmouth on May 16.

NEXT MEETING - 13 June 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Wilmot Town Office.

Genealogy Committee will meet – Thursday June 6, 2024, 6:30 PM @ WTO

ADJOURNMENT 7:25p.m.

See next page for treasurer’s report.

10:26 AM
 05/06/24
 Cash Basis

WHS
Balance Sheet
 As of April 30, 2024

	Apr 30, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
WHS Checking x5396	2,745.46
WHS Money Market x0429	7,500.13
Town Hall Certificate x5906	10,501.92
Building Fund Certificate x5914	22,214.69
Veterans Memorial Cert. x5922	2,040.52
Building Fund Money Mkt. x3584	326,719.93
Total Checking/Savings	371,722.65
Total Current Assets	371,722.65
TOTAL ASSETS	371,722.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
C. Thompson Memorial (in ckg)	440.00
Walter Walker Memorial (in ckg)	1,595.00
Building Fund	21,677.87
Veterans Memorial	1,991.21
Town Hall Project	10,000.00
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	35,704.08
Unrestricted Net Assets	9,568.13
Net Income	326,450.44
Total Equity	371,722.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	371,722.65

10:22 AM
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 Cash Basis

WHS
Profit & Loss
 April 2024

	Apr 24
Income	
Membership Dues	90.00
Donations	425.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	1,000.25
Total Income	1,515.25
Expense	
Programs & Presentations	50.00
Contract Services	
Computer Support	20.00
Total Contract Services	20.00
Operations	
Advertising Expenses	335.68
Total Operations	335.68
Total Expense	405.68
Net Income	1,109.57