

Wilmot Historical Society Minutes  
Town Office  
August 8, 2024

President Liz Kirby opened the meeting at 5:35 pm.

In attendance were board members Catherine Stearns, Julie Morse, Mary Fanelli, Bruce Sanborn, Carolyn Rayno, Brenda Gessner, and Sara Timberlake.

Karen Hanson was also in attendance.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from June were corrected and July minutes were accepted as distributed.

### **Treasurer**

- Bruce reported that he contacted Lynne Ford from Bar Harbor Bank, who is our contact for the distribution of Pat Baker's Trust. Lynne says Sept will complete the 6-month mandatory wait time before submitting paper work for final disbursement.
- IRS has not responded to our request to change our fiscal year to Jan from Nov 1

### **Building Committee**

Bruce and Liz both met with Jay Barrett, architect, to discuss review of town properties (land and buildings) and the needs of the town/utilization reviews. Specifically, they talked about the need of the historical society for more space. Bruce & Liz gave Jay background, talked about our ideas, and told him that we would like to build on Pine Hill Rd at the end of the cemetery.

At a town-wide meeting on Sept 17 from 5:30 – 6:30 at the town hall, Mr. Barrett will present his findings.

To make sure there is good representation from the community, we should put ads in the paper and do our best to promote attendance at this meeting.

### **Program**

Julie wrote to Warner Historical Society, to ask Larry Sullivan about speaking at our annual meeting. If Larry is not able to come, we talked about having Marc and Ann Davis and possibly Fred Ogmundson talk about Fowlertown, an abandoned community in North Wilmot.

### **Website**

Mary said she does not want to continue in the position of secretary next year so she will be able to concentrate on finishing the website redesign. At an earlier meeting the board allotted \$300 for this purpose. She will work with Paul Carnevale, Jr.

### **Communications**

We received an email from Gary Brefini. He was very excited about finding information on our website about Freedom Acres, which he remembered from his visits many years ago.

We talked about making a notebook to put these types of Communications as well as newspaper clippings for use by the public. Catherine has emails that should be included.

Lindy Heim wrote to let us know that she still has the education clothing collection. Catherine & Julie will look over the items to see what we want to keep.

### **Genealogy Committee – Carolyn Rayno**

Met June 27<sup>th</sup>. Nothing special to report. Did not meet in July. The meetings are always enjoyable because of the conversations they engender. Next meeting is Thursday, 8/22/24 at 6:30.

**Memorial Paver** for Glenn Matthews was picked up from the engraver. We paid \$100 . Liz showed it to Gail Matthews who was very pleased. Coincidentally, that particular day happened to be the 11-yr anniversary since Glenn died. Bruce has put the paver in place at the memorial.

### **Bandstand supper**

Sara asked the board for a debrief on the supper. Chili was popular, but there should be more meat chili. Julie thought it all went very well. Menu was right on. Coleslaw was really good. More prep work needs to be done the day before. Dessert might be farmed out. David Kaicher was great in helping out. Need to delegate more of the work to a committee next year. Food needs to be at the site about ¼ hour before for those who come early to eat. The Supper cost \$533.95. Mary's previous email said WHS made \$1,132.00, however, taking out the expenses the profit of \$598.05 made.

### **History Room**

Right now we have four regular docents: Bruce, Liz, Catherine, and Julie. Need more docents to rotate. There has been good attendance – need to have something to feature each week in order to promote what we do. One idea was “How were secret ballots done at the Grange” using the old Grange ballot box.

### **Wilmotpalooza**

We will participate again this year. The date is Sunday, Sept 8. The exhibit needs to be Kid-friendly. Liz, Julie, Brenda, and Bruce offered to be on the committee

**Master Plan** – Beth Chaisson sent around a flyer encouraging community engagement.

### **Boston Post Cane.**

We should start looking in the middle of October. The current cane holder died in May.

Adjourned 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fanelli

12:38 PM  
08/03/24  
Cash Basis

**WHS**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of July 31, 2024

	<u>Jul 31, 24</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
WHS Ckg x5396	3,278.94
WHS MM x0429	7,528.35
Town Hall CD 5906	10,630.45
Building CD 5914	22,486.57
Vet. Mem. CD 5922	2,065.50
Building MM 3584	318,972.68
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>364,962.49</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>364,962.49</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>364,962.49</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
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
<b>Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets</b>	<u>25,704.08</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets	9,568.13
Net Income	329,690.28
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>364,962.49</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>364,962.49</u></b>

12:34 PM  
08/03/24  
Cash Basis

**WHS**  
**Profit & Loss**  
July 2024

	<u>Jul 24</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Membership Dues	5.00
Donations	175.00
Special Events Income	985.00
Book Sales	85.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	883.11
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,133.11</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Pavers Veterans Memorial	100.00
Operations	
Advertising Expenses	190.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<u>190.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>290.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>1,843.11</u></b>