

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes
September 12, 2024
Town Office

CALL TO ORDER – Introductions

President Liz Kirby opening the meeting at 5:32

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

Meeting is being recorded by Bruce.

Minutes for Aug 8, 2024 were accepted as distributed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mary asked about designated funds listed on the balance sheet. Specifically, Charles Thompson and Walter Walker. There was some discussion as to how these funds became designated and for what. It was decided to leave them separated in case we would want to do something special with each of the funds when we get our new building. (Note: Jackie Thompson specifically requested this.)

Liz said that Margaret Campbell had questioned why the money given to the Historical Society in memory of her husband, Mac Campbell, went towards the flagpole at the War Memorial. This emphasizes the fact that we have to be very careful that money donated is used for the purpose it is designated. Margaret asked that these donations not be used for flag pole. Mary suggested that we redesignate these amounts and do something for the new building.

Fiscal Year Issues – Bruce never heard back from the Secretary of State dept so we will leave the fiscal year as it is now: Nov 1 - Oct. 31.

Need to correct figures from supper

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chris Timberlake did drawings for new building for the Pine Hill site. We talked about putting a patio on one side. Waiting for Tues meeting with Jay Barrett to approach BOS with plans.

Public Meeting with Jay Barrett is Tuesday, 17 September 2024 at Wilmot Town Hall. Mary & Brenda will send notice to WOW Facebook page.

PROGRAM - Julie

Larry Sullivan can't make the date so Fred Ogmundson agreed to talk about Diary of Josie Goodhue. Late 1800s to 1900. The Town Hall is not available in October. Mary will file with town for use on Sunday, November 10. Julie will take care of informing Fred.

We talked about having SKIT doing in the Town Hall for a possible fundraiser.

Activities – Wilmotpalooza – Brenda, Julie

Julie & Brenda had a good time at their booth at the Wilmotpalooza. They had a display of items from the history room and Julie had her spinning wheel.

TECHNOLOGY – Mary

Website—no work done on redesign this month, just updating of pages.

Facebook – Brenda is now sending posts to Lindy Heim who is willing to put them on the WOW Facebook page for us.

ACQUISITIONS – Catherine

Bruce Sanborn and a friend retrieved the old Wilmot PO Sorting table from the Andover Historical Society who has kept it for us these many years. It is currently being kept in Bruce's barn. Catherine will update us on Acquisitions at the next meeting. She brought in a clock she received from Luan Clarke.

Clothes from education collection are now back into our regular collection. Catherine mentioned that the education clothing had many items that she felt were collectible. Someone suggested that we ask Jim Perkins if he know someone who specializes in collectible clothing to give us some idea of what to keep and what not to keep.

Good idea for a future program might be what people wore back in early Wilmot days.

VETERANS MEMORIAL – Liz, Bruce

Bruce trimmed the edges of the Junipers that were covering the side pavers around the memorial.

HISTORY ROOM – Catherine

Thanks go to Brenda, Julie, Catherine, Liz and Bruce for helping out as docents all summer in the history room. The room will close when the market closes on September 28.

NEW BUSINESS

Boston Post Cane – we need to start advertising. Mary will put an ad and press release in the Beacon and the IR for October. Deadline will be Oct 31. Catherine & Brenda monitor the search. Claire Moseley was thought to be a good candidate.

Annual Meeting – November 10.

Election of Board Members

Brenda (who was appointed), Julie, and Liz are up for renewal. Nominating Committee needs to contact them to see if they want to run again, or decide who will run if they are to be replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 10 OCTOBER 2024, at WTO at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fanelli, Secretary