

Hooksett Historical Society  
Meeting June 18, 2009

Attending Board Members: Jim Sullivan, President, Diane Valade, Secretary.

Meeting started at 6:30pm, at the Hooksett Library with introductions of the Board members and the guest speaker Mr. Peter A. Wallner from the NH Historical Society.

Jim Sullivan informed guests about some of the activities that the Historical Society has been involved with since the last meeting. Thanks went to Mrs. Dorothy Robie, Leslie and Marc Boswak, Diane Valade, Kathie Northrup, for getting the Arah Prescott Library ready for the grand re-opening on its 100th Birthday. The May 30th celebration as part of Heritage day was a great success. Thanks to Heather Shumway, the Hooksett Library director, guest of honor to re-dedicate the library. We thank the Lions Club for the new Society road sign it was beautifully made and designed by the members of the Lions club. There were about 60 visitors that day.

Jim then introduced our guest speaker

Mr. Peter A Wallner, who came to Concord NH to research the life of Franklin Pierce. He also teaches as an adjunct instructor at the NH Community Technical College at Nashua and at Franklin Pierce College, Concord. Mr. Wallner spoke of Mr. Pierce life from the hills of NH to the halls of congress, to the battlefields of the Mexican war, to the White House; tonight we learned the triumphant and tragic story of our most obscure president. Mr. Wallner published the biography of Franklin Pierce in 2004, prior one was written in 1934. The book is a very interesting history on the life of NH's only President.

Before adjourning Jim Sullivan mentioned that the Historical Society has purchased glass to fix the cabinets in the town hall, to display historical documents and artifacts for the public to see. When the weather permits we would like to repair the entrance for safety purposes and paint the windows and sills so prevent further rotting. We also would like to purchase a scanner, and a new flag to be displayed. If the members all agree about the expenditures we will go forward with these plans.

A motion was made to place glass in cases, repair entrance to the library, purchase a scanner or projector, and buy a new flag. We will donate money to the Hooksett Heritage Commission to help with the Head School Restoration with the money remaining. A first motion was made by Kathy Northrup to accept the distribution of the funds and Marc Miville seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm and refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Valade, Secretary