

## Newbury Historical Society

### Board Meeting

November 1, 2007

Board members present: J. Grocott, B. Morris, D. Pavlicek, B. Steward, M. Weiler and W. Weiler

Guests: Rich Cole, Judy Grocott, Judy Healey, Suzanne Levine and Diana Morris.

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2007 were accepted with the following corrections:

House Markers – add to the last sentence “to formulate and collect information on the age of old houses”.

Sidewalk Project – change from architectural to archeological.

**Treasurer’s Report:** 9/6/2007 – 11/1/2007, presented by Treasurer Margie Weiler.

The General Account increased from \$ 5,259.71 to \$ 5,587.48.

The Life Member Account decreased from \$ 4,100.00 to \$ 4,000.00.

The Conservation Fund increased from \$ 1,118.92 to \$ 1,119.51.

Total assets increased from \$ 10,478.63 to \$ 10,706.99.

Margie will complete an electronic report due to the IRS. She also indicated the need to update bank account signature cards.

### Old Business

**Elections:** the following were elected to serve one year:

President – Bill Weiler      Vice President – John Grocott

Treasurer – Margie Weiler      Secretary – Dick Matte

**Town History:** Dennis reported two successful meetings and the committee’s desire to publish a pictorial history first, with hopes of printing a more detailed history in the future. Bob reported that Arcadia Company has printed pictorial histories for a number of towns and that the sale of such a publication would be a good source of revenue for the Historical Society. Efforts are now focused on collecting pictures which Bill offered to scan while owners waited.

**Collaborative:** Newbury Historical Society Board members and volunteers will open the caboose and the freight station on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and again on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We will provide coverage from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each day and we may need to offer some light refreshment. July 12<sup>th</sup> will be in conjunction with Old Home Day and the August dates may benefit from heavy traffic generated by the Craftsmen’s Fair. Gerry Gold has been asked to work out some options for family hikes.

Bill will provide pictures related to guest accommodations, trains and stations and steamships and landings. These will be used as part of our display in the station.

Dennis will take care of preparing the station, moving the cleaning supplies, etc.

Margie will provide the membership mailing information for the two collaborative mailings.

**House Marker Project:** Four houses have been identified to date (Bensley, Harris, Nowell and Surret). A suggestion was made to include other structures such as the Center Meeting House, Town Hall, Sherman Hall, the Grange, South Newbury Meeting House, etc., all of which are well documented. Rich suggested that we also consider buildings that are over 100 years. He also presented the criteria used by Concord, MA which considers factors other than just age, such as importance to an historical event, connection to an important person and style. Concord also has a format on how to document.

Motion, second and passed to change the 1857 date to include all 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes.

Motion, second and passed to extend this program to other historic structures in town.

The board voted to select from several designs the sign which has straight top and bottom edges with semicircular ends. The Board also voted to depict only the year built and no other information.

**Collections Policy:** tabled for a future meeting.

**Cataloging the collection at Sherman Hall:**

Margie presented a revised proposal from Museum and Collector Resource, basing the town's percentage on the belief that approximately one third of the materials in Sherman Hall belongs to the town.

Proposal for Conservation and Cataloging of Sherman Hall Collection

	Summer 2008	Fall/Winter 2008-2009	
	Phase I	Original Phase II	Reduced Phase II
Costs			
MCR	\$13,950	\$26,900	\$13,450
NHS supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Total Cost	\$17,450	\$27,400	\$13,950
Funding sources			
Town of Newbury	\$ 5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
NHS (donations)	\$12,450	\$17,400	\$ 3,950
Value of NHS volunteer labor			\$13,450
Total Funding	\$17,450	\$27,400	\$27,400

Motion, second, passed: That the Board authorize Margie to propose to the Newbury Select Board a warrant article of \$ 5,000 to put toward the first phase of cataloging the collection.

**Dues Increase:**

Motion, second: to increase dues of Individuals to \$10, Families to \$25, Business to \$50 with Life remaining at \$150.

Motion, second, passed: to amend, increasing Life to \$200.

Motion, second, passed: to amend, reducing Families to \$20.

Motion, second, failed: to amend, reducing Business to \$40.

Motion as amended passed, resulting in dues of \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$200. This schedule will be voted on by the membership at the next Annual Meeting.

**New Business:**

**Increasing Community Involvement:** members were asked to think of ways to reach out to the community and encourage interest and involvement. We should consider publications, the web, options to link to the town site, etc.

**Signature Cards:** Motion, second, passed to authorize Bob Morris to be the second signer on the Society’s bank accounts.

**Book C:** Dennis will request \$1000 from the town rather than the \$250 previously discussed. This money will be put toward the microfilming of the Book. Bill anticipates that this project will be completed by June.

**Report of the New Hampshire Historical Society meeting:** They are anxious to assist local historical societies but further details were tabled for a future meeting due to the late hour.

**Miscellaneous:**

The issue of another Newsletter was raised – no conclusion was reached.

The Board agreed to allow NBC to hang a holiday wreath on Sherman Hall.

Replacing the window boxes and requesting NBC to assist was tabled for a future meeting.

Bill questioned if we should move to monthly meetings.

A number of members seemed anxious to start our meetings at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, B. Steward

**Board of Directors**

**July 2007 – 2010**

Alice Lynn

Dick Matte

Bob Morris

**July 2006 – 2009**

Deane Geddes

Margie Weiler

Bill Weiler

**July 2005 - 2008**

John Grocott

Dennis Pavlicek

Barbara Steward