

## Newbury Historical Society

### Board Meeting

May 3, 2007

Board members present: J. Grocott, A. Lynn, R. Morris, D. Pavlicek, B. Steward, M. Weiler and W. Weiler  
Guests: Rich Cole, Diana Morris and Frank Perrotta

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2007 were accepted as corrected (attached to an earlier e-mail)..

Treasurer's Report: 3/1/07 – 5/3/07, presented by Treasurer Margie Weiler.

The General Account decreased from \$ 4,912.98 to \$ 4,539.19.

The Life Member Account remained at \$ 3,800.00.

The Conservation Fund increased from \$ 1,117.15 to \$ 1,117.73.

Total assets decreased from \$ 9,830.13 to \$ 9,456.92.

Margie reported that the decrease in the General Account was due to the purchase of the latest version of PastPerfect.

The report was accepted as presented.

### Old Business

- The History Club did not meet during the past two months.
- Bill will print the data contained on Rosco Hasting's CD and store both hard copy and the CD at Sherman Hall.
- The Newsletter, once proofed, will be ready by the middle of the month. It will be mailed to members and Historical Societies and will be available to others at the Town Office Building, Library, Post Office and the Transfer Station. John will again ask Rex Sherman to approve the draft.
- No action has been taken on the architectural study of the three buildings in South Newbury but the money was approved by Town Meeting.
- Bill has written and submitted a proposal for a Moose Plate Grant for the maximum of \$10,000 for the restoration of Book C. He estimates the costs to be \$ 9,960 for restoration and \$ 650 for microfilming. The State Library will award the grants in the fall and since Book C is Town property he may request funds from the Town to cover overage.
- An assessment of the Town's vital records was completed under a preservation grant from the Secretary of State. Before the assessment, all records prior to 1940 were moved to the vault in Sherman Hall. The Assessor's report indicated displeasure with using the vault for storage and recommended moving all records to the Town Office Building and placing them in a cabinet with a half hour fire rating. The cabinet would cost \$ 2,500.
- A list of businesses and contacts in Newbury was reviewed and expanded. A special membership mailing will be sent to selected businesses and will include a brief letter from the President encouraging them to join and support the Society.
- Sherman Hall will be open from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturdays beginning May 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Diana reported on the historic home markers project and will write a short explanation for the Newsletter and an article with a photo for the Argus. It was agreed to target homes built prior to 1857. The Society endorsed the project. John volunteered to assist Diana and Rich Cole in this effort.

## New Business:

- The Newport Historical Society has invited us to participate in their event on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, *Reliving New Hampshire's Past*, being held as a fund raiser for the Pier Bridge Restoration Project. The Board decided not to participate.
- Bill received a survey from the Country School Association of America requesting information on one room school houses. Newbury originally had 13 such buildings but only two remain. Dennis volunteered to complete the form.
- John requested that everyone visit Sherman Hall in the near future and to invite others along.
- We agreed to participate in Old Home Day with a table display of photos, membership information, Newsletters, Hancox map of the Lake, samples of the markers for historic homes, etc. The date is Saturday, July 14 with table displays running from approximately noon until 4:30. Bob offered to help Barbara coordinate this.
  - Bob will write up some information about the Society.
  - Bill will prepare an album of appropriate photos, similar to *Vanishing Newbury*.
  - Dennis will provide the table, 2 easels and the Hancox Map.
  - Diana and/or Rich will provide the sample home markers.
  - Barbara will provide Newsletters, membership flyers and some kind of a sign.
  - Everyone agreed to take turns working at the table – we can organize this after the schedule is finalized.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the Town Hall in South Newbury.
  - Barbara will draft and print the flyers and posters by June 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Margie and Bill will prepare labels and organize the mailing.
  - Dennis will manage strawberry shortcake for our refreshments.
  - Dennis will arrange for Adult Diversion to clean the Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Bill will draft a press release for the papers and will assist John with the organization of slides for his talk, the title of which is pending.
  - John's talk will focus on the Sherman clan in South Newbury at the turn of the century.
- Barbara will let us know when the Newsletter is ready for mailing. Bob, Diana and Margie offered to assist with this, and Margie will provide labels and stamps.
- Bob asked if we had been invited to participate in the event at the Fells this summer, *1920s & 1930s: Pastimes and Amusements around Lake Sunapee*. Bill indicated that we had not been included. Bob informed us that the theme for 2008 will be the Hotels around the Lake and possibly related transportation.
- Margie reported that she and Barbara will attend the New Hampshire Archives Group's session "Introduction to Archives: Caring for Historical Records Workshop". Cost to the Society will be \$100.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, B. Steward

## **Board of Directors and elected terms:**

### **July 2006 – 2009**

Deane Geddes  
Margie Weiler  
Bill Weiler

### **July 2005 - 2008**

John Grocott  
Dennis Pavlicek  
Barbara Steward

### **July 2004 - 2007**

Alice Lynn  
Dick Matte  
Bob Morris