

Newbury Historical Society

Annual Meeting

July 20, 2008

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm, welcomed those in attendance and introduced the directors present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Margie Weiler presented her report for the fiscal year ending 6/31/08 showing an ending balance of \$10157.62. She noted that membership was slightly over 100 and that she had received \$580 in donations in the last fiscal year. The report was accepted as presented.

Elections: Shelly Candidus, Dennis Pavlicek and Barbara Steward were nominated and elected as Directors to serve terms of three years each.

By-law change: Bill reviewed the proposed By-law change that would permit dues to increase to the following level: Individual \$10, Family \$20, Business \$50 and Life \$200. The motion passed unanimously. These rates will take effect in 2009.

PALS: Barbara reported on the PALS collaboration and noted the remaining two days of Newbury Historical Society's exhibits at the caboose and train station.

Cataloging the collection: Margie reported on the progress made by Museum and Collector Resources and noted that Phase I is nearly complete. She believes that we can complete Phase II next summer with assistance from volunteers.

Historic House Marker Project: Bob introduced Judy and Rich and outlined the progress to date noting that Diana has received several more applications. He also addressed questions and stressed that this project in no way restricts a homeowner as an historic district designation might.

Web site design: Bruce Healey introduced his committee and outlined progress to date. Bill thanked Bruce for his efforts and for securing a professional consultant of high quality to assist us at no charge.

Book C: Bill reported that thanks to a Moose Plate Grant of \$10,000 Book C has been restored and microfilmed. Final costs came in below estimate, leaving \$3,500 that he was able to spend on archival supplies for Phase I of the cataloging.

Center Meeting House: Bill outlined the progress made to date:
Phase I (foundation and squaring up the building and making it level) is complete;
Phase II (roof structure, windows repaired or rebuilt, and removal of the old plaster and the tower) is also complete;
Phase III awaits funding.

Sherman Hall: The building will be open by appointment from May to October.

NHS Board Meetings: The public is invited to all Board meetings.

Newbury's Pictorial History: Dennis reported on the status of the project and noted that final copy is due to the Company by December 30th. He again requested those with historic photos to come forward and allow us to scan them for possible use in the book.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm and Bill introduced our speakers Lynn Clark and Rebecca Courser. Their presentation, *Rural Free Black Settlement in Post-Revolutionary New Hampshire: A study of Six Towns* was followed by light refreshment.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Steward

Board of Directors

July 2008 – 2011

Shelly Candidus
Dennis Pavlicek
Barbara Steward

July 2007 – 2010

Alice Lynn
Dick Matte
Bob Morris

July 2006 – 2009

Deane Geddes
Margie Weiler
Bill Weiler