

Newbury Historical Society

Annual Meeting

July 29, 2007

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm and welcomed a standing room only audience.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Margie Weiler presented her report for the fiscal year ending 6/31/07 showing an ending balance of \$9,368.51. The report was accepted as presented. She concluded with a call for volunteers.

Elections: Alice Lynn, Dick Matte and Bob Morris were nominated and elected as Directors to serve terms of three years each.

Board Update: Bill reported on John Grocott's status and recovery to date, expressing hope for his full recovery and return to the Board.

Sherman-Ayer History Club: The Club, formed for the purpose of researching and writing, has now grown to 10 members who look forward to John's return.

Historic House Marker Project: Diana Morris reviewed this Board endorsed project and reported that 3 homes have been identified to date. She, along with Committee Members Rich Cole and Judy Healey, hope to identify 6-8 more houses that date prior to 1857. She invited interested individuals to join the Committee. The sign will be selected by the Board but the color may vary to suit the home owner.

Grange Hall, Sherman Hall and Town Hall: Bill reported \$9,500 was voted at Town Meeting for an architectural study of these three historic buildings in South Newbury. The report is due shortly.

Book C: Bill reported that Book C, containing the Town's records from 1791 – 1820, is in extremely poor condition and needs restoration. He applied for a Moose Plate Grant to cover the cost and expects to learn the results of his application in the near future.

Town Visioning Process: Bill encouraged participation in all sessions.

Center Meeting House: The restoration project is moving forward and is about to enter Phase II. The supporting structures of the roof need immediate attention and repair. The CMH Board is awaiting the results of the application for an L Chip Grant.

NHS Logo: Bill presented the new logo which depicts the first train through the Newbury Cut.

Historical Society: The audience was invited to visit Sherman Hall on Saturdays through until October from 2-4 PM or by appointment, and to attend NHS Board Meetings held at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of every other month, September through May.

Program: Bill introduced Ron Garceau for his presentation of *The Steamboat Era on Lake Sunapee*.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 and all enjoyed light refreshments.