

Newbury Historical Society

Board Meeting

September 6, 2007

Board members present: D. Geddes, D. Matte, B. Morris, D. Pavlicek, B. Steward, and W. Weiler
Guests: Shelly Candidus, Rich Cole, Maggie Ford, Suzanne Levine, Donna Matte, and JL Tonner

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and indicated that we would consider one item of new business first.

Historical Society Collaborative: Bill introduced Maggie Ford and JL Tonner from the New London Historical Society who explained the 2007 collaborative between The Barn Playhouse, The Fells and the New London and Sunapee Historical Societies, *1920s & 30s: Pastimes and Amusements around Lake Sunapee*. They went on to explain their theme and plans for 2008, *Hosting our Summer Guests: 1880s – 1930s*, and formally invited the Newbury Historical Society to join in the collaborative. Although still in the early draft stage their focus is on the hosting aspect including hotels and transportation. There will be a number of different programs that will range from formal lecture to simple displays and experiential education. They indicated that Newbury has a considerable amount to offer including the caboose, the freight station, The Fells, Blodgett's Landing casino and history, etc.

The time line calls for completion of the program by November so that it may go to press by January 1st.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2007 were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: 6/1/2006 – 9/6/2007, presented by Bill Weiler in Margie's absence.

The General Account increased from \$ 4,450.19 to \$ 5,259.71.

The Life Member Account increased from \$ 3,800.00 to \$ 4,100.00.

The Conservation Fund increased from \$ 1,118.32 to \$ 1,118.92.

Total assets increased from \$ 9,368.51 to \$ 10,478.63.

Membership increased as follows: 9 Individual, 47 Family, 34 Life and 3 Business (Pat Sherman, Lake Sunapee Dogs and Sunapee Glass Works).

Suzanne Levine and Shelly Candidus have indicated an interest in volunteering.

\$100 donation is expected from Blodgett's Landing Cottage Owners' Association.

Bill reported that John continues to improve and anticipates his return to Newbury in 2-3 weeks.

Election of Officers: Bob questioned nominating from the general membership – Bill indicated that this was not permitted by the By-laws. The election was tabled for the November meeting.

Old Business

House Markers: Bob reported, in Diana's absence, that the Committee received 5 responses and that the Board needs to select the style of the sign to be used. Furthermore, it was suggested that the documentation of the authenticity become part of Newbury's history and a copy be stored in Sherman hall. The goal of the Committee is to locate 6-8 more buildings this year and it was recommended that they contact the original applicants for suggestions.

South Newbury Buildings: The study has been completed and the Selectmen are awaiting the final report. It was noted that this is not a project of the Historical Society.

Business Membership Mailing: Bill noted a list of some Newbury businesses on www.manta.com. This information will be added to our potential mailing list for use when we contact businesses.

Old Home Day: Bill thanked Board members who assisted with the display at Old Home Day.

Archives Group Seminar: Margie and Barbara attended this event last May. Barbara indicated that they came away with the realization that we need both a vision statement and a collections policy. It was suggested that we obtain samples and work on possible statements for discussion at a future meeting.

PastPerfect: This version offers good letter writing capabilities which will permit prompt thank you letters which may be used for tax purposes when appropriate.

Center Meeting House: The CMH Board is preparing to move forward with Phase II which will include the structural work needed to maintain the roof. North Branch will manage the construction which is scheduled for Oct. 1 – March.

New Business:

Sidewalk project: An architectural study has begun seeking information about any potential site of Native American or other historical value. It was suggest that they contact Alice and Tracy.

Annual Meeting: The NHS Annual Meeting will be held on July 20th at 2:00 PM rather than the date previously announced.

American Association for State and Local History: This Association has offered, at no charge, a collection of 17 books that focus on the needs of small organizations. Bill will request a set for the NHS.

Dues Increase: Discussion was tabled for more statistical input regarding donations.

Special Meetings and e-mail: It was suggested that e-mail and possibly a special meeting be utilized when something of significance occurs between meetings. The By-laws might need slight revision to allow for the use of e-mail but special meetings are addressed and permitted.

Town History: Dennis would like to move forward with the writing of the Town's history and is willing to request financial support from the Town. A motion was made, seconded and passed to establish a Town History Committee and prepare a proposal for the NHS Board to consider at its next meeting. Dennis will recruit participants and will include members of the History Club. This Committee will consider all aspects of such a project including appropriate format.

Collaborative: A motion was made, seconded and passed to endorse and assist with the Historical Societies and other groups involved in this collaborative. Bob and Barbara will attend their next meeting in late September.

Agenda: It was noted that it would be helpful if an agenda could accompany the e-mail call to meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 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
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