

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

January 3, 2008

Board Members Present: Bill Weiler, John Grocott, Margie Weiler, Diana Morris, Bob Morris, Deane Geddes, Barbara Steward, Dick Matte

President Bill Weiler called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes of the November 1, 2007 accepted as written.

Treasurers Report:

November 1, 2007 through January 3, 2008 accounting was presented by Margie Weiler.

The general account changed from \$5,587.48 to \$5,631.72.

The life membership account is unchanged from the last meeting.

The conservation fund had a slight increase from \$1,18.92 to \$1,120.13.

Total Assets increased from \$10,706.99 to \$10,751.85

Bob Morris asked if another CD would be appropriate, Margie stated that if was not needed at this time.

Diana Morris inquired about the acquisition of a money market account (with no minimum) and Margie stated she would investigate current money markets

Old Business:

Town History: Bob Morris reported that he had met with Dennis Pavlicek and they discussed various options. The next meeting is to take place on January 10th.

Bill Weiler said he would like to see Louis Watso of Blodgetts Landing be researched and discussed.

Deane Geddes stated that he had a copy of an old purchase and sales agreement relating to Louis Watso and agreed to give Bill a copy. Dick Matte mentioned that the Winter 2007-08 *SooNipi* magazine ran an excellent story about Louis Watso and the Indian basket weavers. The article was based on information gathered from various newspapers and notes.

History Club:

John Grocott stated that although the club is currently inactive he will attempt to set up a meeting in February and one of the items for discussion will be the club's role at the upcoming annual meeting.

Collaborative: Barbara Steward stated that the brochure is being printed with an old area map on the inside with all the various programs being listed around the map. It is hoped that the mailing will take place on or about January 16th.

House Marker Project:

Diana Morris met with Alice Linn who provided a list of many houses and the project group is looking into which houses are appropriate for a marker at which time the owners will be contacted.

Miscellaneous:

Some discussion took place relating to the Town of Newbury web site and how difficult it is locating the Newbury Historical Society's web page.

Bill Weiler asked if the Newbury Historical Society would consider establishing a regular/permanent newsletter committee. Barbara stated the newsletter should include an updated report from each of the Society's club and committees. John Grocott suggested that at some point this newsletter should fall under the wing of the History Club. Bob suggested that this newsletter would reach out to the general public. Barbara, Margie and John will work together on the newsletter.

John mentioned that he has cleaned up 2 window boxes ready for planting next spring. Helga Thomas should be contacted to see what her involvement (if any) will be.

It was agreed that due to potential attendance problems the March 6th. meeting will be changed to February 21st. Bob suggested that an additional meeting be set up just prior to the Annual meeting so that the Society can be better prepared.

A general discussion took place relating to the Newbury Historical Society's members/support. Deane Geddes suggested that local businesses sell historical post cards. Deane will look into this and report back at the next meeting. Bob suggested that a questionnaire be sent out to get feedback.

New Business:

Bill mentioned that the current Newbury Cane holder Helen Appleby has moved out of town, and therefore a new cane recipient needs to be found. Bill asked that two board members be involved in the cane project. Deane Geddes and Bob Morris agreed to take on the challenge. Bob asked that Bill send them a copy of the "cane policy" which was adopted on September 8, 2006.

Bill mentioned that the South Newbury Building Report has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen have seen the report and asked Bill to establish a committee with another board member be appointed to said committee. Dick Matte agreed to be on the committee with Bill Weiler.

The program for the annual meeting was discussed and a program committee be established.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Dick Matte.

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