

Newport Historical Society Minutes
Executive Committee
May 6, 2010
NHS Museum

Attendees

Christina O'Brien Mary Lou McGuire Cathryn Baird Jackie Cote Todd Coull

1. Call to Order: This meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

2. Member Behavior

A discussion of the problematic behavior of members during and between meetings was conducted. A decision was reached to adhere to the agenda when entertaining comments during monthly membership meetings. President Baird will give a warning that improper member behavior will not be tolerated. Disruption of meetings and unnecessary communications between meetings will result in member dismissal from the Newport Historical Society.

3. Reactivation of the Building Committee

The following people contacted President Baird to serve on the Building Committee and now comprise the reactivated Building Committee: Larry Cote, Cathryn Baird, Todd Coull, Christina O'Brien, Jackie Cote and Mary Lou McGuire.

4. Visit of President Baird with New Hampshire Historical Society

President Baird reported on a very favorable visit with William H. Dunlap, Executive Director of the NH Historical Society. He encouraged the Newport Historical Society to continue its good work within the local and state community.

5. Future Location of Newport Historical Society meetings

Due to requests from several members, future Newport Historical Society meetings will be held at the Sugar River Bank Community Room, which provides bathroom facilities and handicap accessibility.

6. Safety at the Museum

In a brief discussion of safety measures taken at the Museum President Baird reported that a telephone system with remote handsets has been installed.

7. Apple Pie Festival Update

NHS participation will be addressed with the LAC in the near future.

8. Sunshine Social

President Baird reported that the NHS donation to the Sunshine Social (a foil impression) earned between \$90 - \$100 for the Opera House/LAC.

9. Collaborative Brochure

A decision was reached to participate in a collaborative brochure to advertise historical societies in the surrounding towns, similar to the PALS brochure published by the historical societies surrounding Lake Sunapee. This project is a result of the March meeting of regional historical societies. The date of a meeting to finalize this project is yet to be made. This publication is proposed to include the towns of Croydon, Grantham, Springfield, Goshen, Newport, Plainfield, Cornish and Enfield. The end product is expected to be a glossy brochure, 22x17, folded to 8 ½" x 5 ½". It will include a location map, schedule of events, and museum information. The cost to this Society is approximately \$195.00. It is expected to have this publication completed by the end of May. A motion to participate in this collaborative was made by Jackie Cote, seconded by Christina O'Brien, and unanimously approved.

10. Community "Where is it?" Program

Vice President Todd Coull suggested the NHS conduct a program designed to generate interest in the NHS and Newport history. He suggested we post an unidentified photograph in several prominent places about town (possibly the banks and NCTV) to see if residents can identify the subject. A family membership to the NHS will be given to anyone who makes a positive identification. It was agreed that this is a good idea, and referred to the Museum Committee.

11. Committee Reports

The following committee reports have been received and will be available at the general meeting on May 10: Cemetery, Fundraising, Web Site, Program, Newsletter, Pier Bridge

12. Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou McGuire
Secretary