

Newport Historical Society Museum Report for August 11, 2014

Since our last meeting (35) visitors have signed the attendance book.

Purchases: We made no purchases of museum artifacts since the last meeting.

We have had (4) donations of artifacts since the last meeting:

John & Gloria McDonough (1) Sibley Scythe (brush cutter)

Cary Whipple donated several pieces of farm equipment

Paul Brown (6) small 48 star hand held flags

NSO donated a binder of “first day covers”

We have emailed the New Hampshire Director of Historic Resources again asking for direction as to what replacement windows they recommend for us to use. We are still waiting for his response. LaValley Building Supply came down to measure all of the windows so they can give us a quote on the Anderson “Eagle Talon” 6 over 6 double hung windows. I expect a quote early next week. The “Eagle Talon” series of Anderson Windows are a wooden window with the outside clad in aluminum in any color one might want. The question as to what windows to use is still open. We could use an all vinyl window thus eliminating any future maintenance. The wooden window is more in keeping with the building but would require maintenance on the inside from time to time.

We are still waiting on the quote to cement the area on the east end of the building to prevent water from flowing toward the building thus causing an issue with the brick foundation. I need to get a quote to remove the existing asphalt. The question remains should we remove the asphalt and plant grass, fill with stones or cement the area. I recommend cement, as I feel the asphalt at the end of the area will act as a dam and hold the water in. The cement would channel the water away from the building.

We need volunteers to assist the Museum Committee members and the Historical Society Board members on Sundays when the Museum is open. Training will be provided. We desperately need Docents, you will enjoy the experience.

Respectfully

Larry Cote, Museum Director