

**Newport Historical Society  
Board Meeting, October 9, 2017  
Nettleton House Museum, 6:30 pm**

President Cathryn Baird called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Board Members Present: Cathryn Baird President, Jerry Hagebusch Vice President, Jackie Cote Treasurer, Larry Cote Museum Director, Dean Stetson Secretary Pro-Tempore, Rita James, Stan Sweeney, Arnie Hebert, Dr. Arthur Walsh and Jayna Hooper,

Absent: Laura Kessler, Pris Hagebusch

**Public Forum:**

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on August 14 were open for discussion. None was had.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the August 14 meeting was made by Jackie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Rita.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jackie presented highlights of financial transactions including donations, expenditures and income.

- Jackie will be meeting with Scott McGuire at Sugar River Bank to look at better investment options for any long term funds that are currently available.
- Cathryn will join Scott and Jackie at the time of the meeting.

Financial Statements were presented by Jackie Cote. Detailed copies were distributed, reviewed and discussed including:

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for September 1<sup>st</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Main Operating Account FY ending 30-Sept-2017
- Nettleton House Account FY ending 30-Sept-2017
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. October 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House October 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Farmers Market/ Apple Pie Fair/Chamber Day Sales and conditions 2012-2017

A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report of the October 9 was made by Arnie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Dean.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

**Museum Report:**

The Museum Report was presented by Museum Director, Larry Cote– Details in the Monthly Museum report. Highlights include:

- 43 visitors signed the register during the month of July.
- Arnie shared that the Granite State Tmekeepers #189 group are to get together to work on the Citizens Bank Main Street clock. Hands and hinges are some of the components that still need to be made among other items.

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- 12 individuals donated artifacts during July – Details in Monthly report
- New Displays and Exhibits have been assembled or refreshed
- Larry and Dean have been discussing engraved “Museum Labels” or placards as a permanent descriptor for the artifact. Sample color options are being discussed and reviewed by the group.

**Fundraising Report** was presented by Jackie Cote.

- Bridge and School House Ornaments are selling well.
- Leapin’ Lena will be the only new ornament for 2018
- Covered Bridge event ornaments will be a focus in 2018-2019.
- All Postcards are selling well and the Owl Postcards are selling especially well.
- The Newport Historical Society will be in the public eye at the Sugar River Saving Bank alcove starting in November for 3 weeks and December for 4 weeks less Thanksgiving weekend.
- NHS Ornaments are being juried at the Library Arts Center and will be available for the Gallery of Gifts this Christmas Time.

**Membership Report:**

- Newport Historical Society is celebrating its Annual Membership Drive in September and October.
- The 9/30/17 membership year ended with 275 members.
- Membership is currently at 275.

**Old Business:**

- **Change in Constitution**

**ACTION REQUIRED-CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION  
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At the previous meeting, Jackie proposed to increase the NHS Board of Directors from 12 to 15. After a brief discussion of Department of Justice requirements the group concurred that it would benefit the organization to have greater flexibility by keeping the number of Directors of the Board to 5.

A Motion to approve was made by Jackie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Arnie.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

**The verbiage of our Constitution is to be changed as follows:**

**FROM:** Article 6. Board of Directors and Executive Committee Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of **no more than** twelve contributing members including the Executive Committee.

**TO:** Article 6. Board of Directors and Executive Committee Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of **a minimum of five** contributing members including the Executive Committee.

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- Corbin Covered Bridge Event

A proposal was made to form a committee to organize an event to recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rebuilding of the Corbin Covered Bridge.

A Motion to approve the proposal was made by Arthur.  
The Second to the Motion was made by Rita.  
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

## **MEETING REMINDER: Oct 16th 6:30 at the Nettleton House CORBIN COVERED BRIDGE EVENT 25 year Celebration in 2019**

### **New Business:**

- Dottie Collins Birthday is on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Cathryn suggested to get a bouquet of flowers for Dottie in appreciation for her contributions to the NHS and Community.
  - A Motion to approve was made by Larry.
  - The Second to the Motion was made by Dean.
  - The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.
- The group discussed ways to improve exposure for the Newport Historical Society and the Museum. Jackie requested assistance with designing a new Flier/handout for the Museum.
  - Jayna is willing to work on updating a new brochure for the NHS.
  - WCNL Ad
  - Dean questioned whether there was any reference to the museum and hours in the Revere Bell and Eagle displays
  - Dean to contact Bidy about a street sign on main Street stating “Museum”
  - Scavenger Hunt with the school.
  - Sandwich Board on the Common
- Jackie requested assistance with the programs sponsored by the NHS for the upcoming year. Dean offered to look into the NH Humanities programs. Other suggestions included a program about basket weaving, Calvin Coolidge, Bill Bartlett, Children Program, Rebecca Rule, BB Van.
- Annual Program Schedule. The NHS Sponsors programs during the following months:
  - January-None
  - February-None
  - March-None
  - April 10, 2018-(NHS Program or 2/yr from NHH)
  - May 8, 2018-(NHS Program or 2/yr from NHH)
  - June 12, 2018 -(NHS Program or 2/yr from NHH)
  - July 10, 2018-(NHS Program or 2/yr from NHH)
  - August 14, 2018-(NHS Program or 2/yr from NHH)
  - September 11, 2018-(NHS Program or 2/yr from NHH)
  - October TBD-Business After Hours

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- November-None
- December-None
- Caitlyn Fisch was identified as a contact within the schools to support a children's program.
- Reassessment of The Nettleton House was down by about \$5,000.
- *Newport, New Hampshire in Time and Place* is a new book written by Mary Lou McGuire and Ray Reid was brought to the attention of the group as a well produced piece to compliment Newport's history.
- Arnie mentioned the opportunity for greater outreach with the Senior Center by putting slideshows of historical images and information on idle computers.
- The NHS Board requested that Arnie discuss with Ray Reid if he would like to present a program regarding the book; *Newport, New Hampshire in Time and Place*

### **Election of Officers**

Prior to the election of officers Current President Cathryn Baird stated that if elected, this would be her last term serving as President of the Newport Historical Society. Cathryn commented that after 10 years of service it was time to pass the mantle.

The following slate of officers was nominated:

- Cathryn Baird-President,
- Jerry Hagebusch-Vice President,
- Jackie Cote-Treasurer,
- Larry Cote-Museum Director,
- Dean Stetson-Secretary Pro-Tempore

A Motion to approve the slate of officers was made my Arthur.

The Second to the Motion was made by Stan.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

A Motion to adjourn was made my Larry.

The Second to the Motion was made by Arnie.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Dean Stetson

Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)