

Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
September 10, 2018 6:30 pm
Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40 PM by Cathryn Baird President

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

Absent: Annette Menard

Public Present: There was no public present at this meeting.

Public Forum:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on August 13th, 2018 were open for discussion. No one presented any amendments or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the August 13th meeting was made by Jackie
The Second to the Motion was made by Jerry
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers reports for the month of August 2018 were presented to the group for review. Members of the board looked over the information and had no specific questions at the time.

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

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for August 1st thru August 31st
- Main Operating Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- Nettleton House Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. INCOME October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House INCOME October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- Covered Bridge account information.

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Fundraising Report - Jackie provided information regarding Fundraising, status of sales may be seen in the Treasurers Report.

Museum Report from Larry Cote:

We had (36) visitors sign the register for the month of (August).

We made (1) purchases of artifacts since the last report:

A chamber pot for the chair in the 1st floor bathroom \$20.00

Museum supply purchases:

Purchased a disposable fire extinguisher as one of the disposable fire extinguishers was
Expired. \$28.84

Purchased (4) 11 X 17 picture frames at \$8.44 each for current display

We had (9) individual donation of artifacts to the Museum totaling 43 items in (August):

We have September 26th scheduled for a power-point program at Summercrest.

We should have the carpets cleaned after we complete the new displays. They have not been cleaned since 2011. It was suggested that we wait until after the Business After Hours on October 10th to have them cleaned. John Wilcox will shampoo the traffic lanes for \$140.00.

I have asked Paint-N-Place for a quote to make two signs for the Corbin Covered Bridge per the specifications suggested by the Town Manager. Raised letters on a nice board matching the arch of the portal.

Stan Sweeney and I replaced the sign post and re-mounted the sign. The post is made of pressure treated 4 X 4 and covered with vinyl for no maintenance.

We have started to change the displays for the coming year.

We are always looking for new Docents, training will be provided. You will enjoy your time there and will learn a little more about your Town.

Membership Report:

- Membership drive starts in Mid-September. If you renew before Sept 30th, you will be a member for 2019 AND 2018. Letters have been mailed.
- Membership for the NHS ended at 275 for the 2017 FY.
- Current Membership is 276.
- Raffle in November of \$25 gift certificates.

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Old Business:

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New Business:

- Programs for 2019 – who is doing them?
- Nominations are in September with Vote in October and all are welcome.
- Slate of Officers - Dean offered caveat that he is willing to train and support anyone to partner in the activity including Website, Recording Secretary, Programs, CCB.
- Business after Hours at the museum - Next Month, on Wednesday October 10th from 5-7PM. Catered by Lee Dufort. - NOTE: Cathryn will not be there. To be held in the B. Huff Room.
- Ann Stout mentioned a program regarding poets and the museum somewhat modeled after a program by the Norwich Historical Society. Laura and Jayna may be willing to participate.
- Jayna suggested endowment as a possible way to address so many activities at the museum.
- The NHS Museum was gifted a rare watch. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Corbin Covered Bridge Event:

Sept 5 - spoke to Christopher Turgeon at NH DOT Sistrict 2 office in Enfield (conincidentl, he is the son of Bridge builder Bob Turgeon. I gave him the info on the CCB event and sent email inquiring to Scenic road and byway status for Corbin Road.

Sept 8 - Sharon Callum at the Sullivan County Manager's office would like to help with the Festival. She said that she would be willing to restock brochure locations next year. Her contact information is (cell) 843-5845 and she can also be reached at the office 863-2560. She will likely be answering the phone. Email is sharoncallum2014@gmail.com.

Sept 4 - uploaded Ann Stout's Soo-Nipi Article in Documents and links.

Sept-1 Submitted Photos for Town Planner Calendars

Aug-28- added Cynthia Buehler to the committee list

Aug- 28 - added event contacts and information in "Contacts" Tab.

Aug - 27 Flyer Fundraising very successful - see updated information in the "Ad Flyer Sales tab"

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Larry

The Second to the Motion was made by Rita

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson

Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)