

**Newport Historical Society Board Meeting**  
**June 11, 2018 6:30 pm**  
**Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:34 PM

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

Absent: Laura McCrillis, Rita James,

Public Present: Tobin and Annette Menard, Abigail McCoy.

**Public Forum:**

Arnie Hebert spoke to Ray Reid about the canoe in the Archives – Believed it was from William Richards, Brother of Dexter Richards. Ray had no concerns regarding a proposed date change on the bronze plaque. Regarding the sale of artifacts or acquisitions not relative to the NHS mission; Cathryn suggested that members of the Board visit the annex to review the item (and possibly others) to benefit the societies' endowment.

Ian Blackton sent a letter of concern regarding preservation of historical structures. This letter was forwarded to the Town Manager as it was out of the direct control of the NHS.

The Newport Rotary thanked the NHS for their donation to the Penny Sale Items.

Annette has arranged a tour of the Newport Mills on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM to photograph the mill before any construction begins. Once complete, the owners are interested in having historical images provided by the NHS for the interior.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were open for discussion. No one presented any amendments or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Jackie

The Second to the Motion was made by Arnie

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurers reports for the month of May 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 May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. EXPENSE October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House INCOME October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Covered Bridge account information.

A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Dean  
The Second to the Motion was made by Stan  
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:

- 11 visitors signed the register during the Month of May
- We made (2) purchases of artifacts since the last report:  
A sign from Yetmans used furniture & Antiques \$30.00  
A wooden barrel from the Newport Dairy \$30.00
- We purchased the two rolling racks that Revite donated the money for \$215.89
- We had (4) individual donation of artifacts to the Museum in (May):
- Ken Dennis said he is working on a new Cemetery sign for North Newport. We should have a new sign soon.
- The sign on Main Street at the crosswalk has an incorrect date. It said that many of the buildings on Main Street were built in the early 1900. Should say early 1800's .. Ken Dennis said to talk to Paul Brown about it.
- The sign in the Corbin Covered Bridge said that original bridge built in 1835 should say 1843
- There was a discussion on the number of bronze signs that require attention. There was also discussion on three covered bridges with little or no historical information available to the visitor. One suggestion was to bring this matter to the Heritage Commission for review.
- Docents are needed for July.

**Fundraising Report:**

- New Gift Items include Aprons. Joan Dodge continues working on ornaments.
- The NHS Tent will be seen at Chamber Day on the Common Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> .....AND don't forget

Friday's- stop by the NHS tent at the Farmers Market on the common.

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**Membership Report:**

- Membership for the NHS ended at 275 for the 2017 FY.
- Current Membership is 262.

**Old Business:**

- The NHS gave Newport Tiger note cards were given to all the graduating students attending a substance free party.

**New Business:**

- The group approved donating a copy of the History of Newport Book to both Richards, and Mt. Royal Academy.
- Tobin and Annette Menard have expressed interest in being on the NHS Board. They provided a brief expression of their willingness to support and serve the community by their participation in the Historical Society. The Executive Committee voted and unanimously accepted their membership to the Board at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was made by Jackie and seconded by Dean. Welcome aboard!
- Abby McCoy was unanimously approved as an “Honorary Member” by the Board.

**Corbin Covered Bridge Event:**

- The entries for the Corbin Covered Bridge logo contest provided by the school were reviewed and the students involved were recognized and provided cash awards and certificates by Jackie and Larry Cote.
- There was a discussion among the group regarding the graphic map that includes the covered bridges of the area. It was decided to table this graphic piece temporarily to focus on the promotional flyer. It was also suggested to present this graphic to the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary for their financial support in production. Presentations will be made to both groups in the fall (September) by Dean Stetson and Abby McCoy.
- CCB Remnants picked up. Photos were taken and the members are at Dr. Walsh’s barn drying. The material is hopeful and the opportunity to promote the event through these photos will be beneficial.
- On Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> - there was a Graphics Meeting at Historical Society to finalize details about tee shirt Design, Pledge Card 4X4, Banner Design and business cards.

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- Abby offered to provide all graphic services for the CCB Festival (and a little help with some Face Book activity) for a total price of \$1,200. We have already provided a deposit of \$200. Motion to approve by Pris, Seconded by Jackie. The group unanimously approved. Dean to sign new contracts. Thanks Abby!
- Dean will be going to the Chamber Day to promote and solicit advertising, pledges, or sponsoring.
- **Next Meeting: Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> – CCB Meeting at Bridge 9:00 AM (At Museum if weather is bad)**

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM

A Motion to adjourn was made by Pris.

The Second to the Motion was made by Abby.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson

Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)