

**Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
September 14, 2015
The Nettleton House, Newport Historical Society**

1. Call to order at 6:37 PM by President Baird.
2. Members present: Cathryn Baird, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Dick Gassett, Jerry Hagebusch, Priscilla Hagebusch, Jayna Hooper, Biddy Irwin, Rita James, Laura Kessler, Dean Stetson and Ann Stout
3. Public Forum: Dean Stetson thanked those present who attended the September program on trains. It was reported that 61 were in attendance and that the presenter was thrilled with being in Newport. Jackie Cote let the group know that she has already made arrangements for this presenter to do September 2016 program.
4. The motion was made by Jackie Cote and seconded by Rita James, to approve the minutes of the July and August 2015 meetings. This passed with one abstention from a member who was not present at the meetings.
5. Treasurer Jackie Cote reported on the “Accounting Summary” from 8.1.15 – 8.31.15; the Main Operating Budget Fiscal Year Ending 9.30.15, the Nettleton House Account Fiscal Year Ending 9.30.15 and budget comparisons (income and expenses) for the NHS’ Operating Account and the Nettleton Account. The motion was made by Dean Stetson and seconded by Dick Gassett, that the report be approved. The report was accepted unanimously and was placed on file.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Fundraising:

Jackie presented the “Fundraising Committee Report” (see attachment).

Jackie shared the three Joan Dodge ornament proofs, depicting Newport Winter Carnival scenes: snow sculpture; covered bridge with dog sled racer and Winter Carnival queen with prince and princess.

Ann Stout will research finding a sticker to put on the back of the remaining 250th cowbells, which will reflect the 100th anniversary of the Winter Carnival.

At least five of Sharon Christie’s Corbin Covered Bridge books sold at the Newport Farmers’ Market. These were being marketed as coloring books, with a box of crayons accompanying each book at a reduced price of \$5 each.

B. Museum Committee:

Larry gave the museum report (see attached).

Expressions of thanks were given to Dick Gasset, for the work that he did putting stonework around the building with Larry. In addition, Dick provided the peat stone as a donation.

Museum volunteers are still needed. Please work on encouraging docents/volunteers for the museum on Sundays.

7. Old Business:

Larry reviewed bids for the work that needs to be done dismantling the bathroom on the third floor. The motion was made by Bidy Irwin and seconded by Dean Stetson, that the NHS accept the bid that was put forward at \$600 by Goodrich Oil. This passed unanimously.

Larry, Cathryn, Jackie, Rita and Dean met with David Jones (summer resident of Lempster), regarding an old tools and Homer Winslow prints collection, that he is interested in sharing with the Society. Larry shared his thoughts on the collection as well as the September 10, 2015 letter from Ann and Dave Jones regarding their collection. Discussion ensued.

Having reviewed the Society's bylaws, Dean recommended that a committee be formed to review and develop a policy for gift acceptances. President Baird appointed Dean to be the chairman of this committee.

Bidy made the motion to thank the Jones' for their generous offer of the tools and prints and proposed that the Society make a counteroffer with an unrestricted gift of the tools. This motion was seconded by Ann and passed unanimously.

8. New Business:

President Baird appointed Bidy Irwin and Jayna Hooper as members of the nominating committee.

There not be a program in October.

The Annual Meeting will be held on October 12, 2015.

The next meeting will be held October 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Nettleton House.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary