

Newport Historical Society Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2016
Nettleton House

1. **Call to Order** by President Cathryn Baird at 6:38 p.m.
2. **Members Present:** Cathryn Baird, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Jerry Hagebusch, Priscilla Hagebusch, Arnie Hebert, Jayna Hooper, Rita James, Laura McCrillis, Dean Stetson, Stan Sweeney, Arthur Walsh
3. The **Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Jackie Cote, with the following account summaries:
 - i. Accounting Summaries of 1/1/16 to 1/31/17 and 2/1/17 to 2/28/17
 - ii. Main Operating Account, Fiscal Year ending 9/30/17: *Jan. and Feb. 2017 Income and Expenditures were reviewed.*
 - iii. Nettleton House Account, FY ending 9/30/17: *Jan. and Feb. 2017 income/expenditures reviewed.*
 - iv. NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. – Income, 10/1/16-9/30/17: *Jan. and Feb. 2017 income reviewed.*
 - v. NHS Budget Comp. Operating Acct. – Expenses, 10/1/16-9/30/17: *Jan. and Feb. 2017 expenses reviewed.*
 - vi. NHS Budget Comp. Nettleton Acct. – Income, 10/1/16 – 9/30/17: *Jan. and Feb. 2017 sales/donation income reviewed.*
 - vii. NHS Budget Comp. Nettleton Acct. – Expenses, 10/1/16 – 9/30/17: *Jan. and Feb. 2017 building expenses reviewed.*

Jerry moved to accept the Treasurer's reports for January and February; Rita seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

4. **The Fundraising Report** was given by Jackie Cote.
 - Sales from the Gallery of Gifts at the L.A.C. totaled \$376.20.
 - 2017 ornaments will cost the NHS \$1 extra. The board agreed to Jackie's recommendation to raise the price of each ornament to \$13 each (from \$12).
 - Photo pillows have been re-stocked. Available are: 6 skating pillows, and 1 twilight ice skating. Custom pillows may be also be ordered through the NHS.
 - New photo postcards include: a double rainbow over Main Street, as well as two aerial views, taken by Jonathan Ryba. All postcards are printed by Ann Stout at VistaPrint. Thank you, Ann.
 - A fall foliage scene with the South Church steeple has also been donated by Dr. Cindy Gallagher, also to be made into a postcard. A photo of "the Newport owl" is also being considered.
 - Postcards sell for \$0.50 each, or 3 for \$1.00. Currently, there are eleven postcard scenes available.
 - Three photo notecards – 2 of the Covered Bridge, and one of the skating rink at twilight – are available.
 - The NHS has signed up for a 15'x15' booth for the Apple Pie Crafts Fair, at a cost of \$55.00. The booth location will be along the perimeter of the Common.
 - The Newport Farmers' Market is scheduled for Fridays, beginning May 19th and ending October 6th. The cost to NHS is \$140.00.
 - Lake Sunapee Bank has issued new requirements for donation requests. Each organization must now fill out a two-page "contribution request form" and wait four to five weeks for approval or denial notification.
 - Rita James, Dick Gasset, Jean MacConnell, Barbara Huff, and Igor Blake each donated \$100.00 to be used for the purchase of storage carts. Appreciation was expressed.

To date, the NHS has 240 members. 35 members from last year have not renewed. Cathryn will send out personal notes to remind these un-renewed members.

5. The **Museum Report** was given by Larry Cote.
 - 18 visitors signed the museum guestbook during the month of February. 17 donations were received by the NHS, and 1 purchase (Irene Cain's art portfolio) was made. Also purchased were 3 dozen three-ring binders, 3 packages of card holders for binder identification, and 2 wall-mounted postcard holders.

- The NHS has \$1600 in its Cemetery Fund. Ken Dennis would like 6 new signs, one for each of Newport's cemeteries and will get quotes for the cost of these signs. The board discussed the possibility of donating funds for one of these signs, but it was voted to table the conversation until Ken submits a quote to the NHS.
- Larry requested a power strip for spotlights in the museum's first- and second-floor hallways. The board approved this request unanimously.
- The Courthouse Restaurant is waiting to see if the Town Manager has some place to store the restaurant's belongings that are currently being stored in the Annex. Cathryn will touch base with Jane Rastallis concerning this matter.
- Jackie circulated the architectural footprint of the Nettleton House property, for informational purposes.
- New doors have been made for the Annex and the Courthouse Restaurant access. The town Maintenance Department will install them this summer.

6. **New Business:**

- Cathryn distributed a key policy for the NHS to review for the next meeting. The board will also consider an additional policy for the Annex.
- Cathryn sent a thank you note and an honorary membership to Martha Naylor and her husband Bob, in gratitude for their efforts in decorating the Nettleton House every year.
- The board voted 11-1 in favor of joining the N.H. Preservation Alliance, at a cost of \$50.
- 2017 programs were discussed:
 - o On Tuesday, March 7th, Arnie facilitated a program on N.H. sawmills at the Newport Senior Center. Dean will put together a 20-30 minute video production with footage from the program.
 - o Arnie will also facilitate a presentation about the Common at the Senior Center.
 - o Tuesday, April 4th: Glen Nableck [?] will present on N.H. cemeteries and gravestones at the Richards Free Library ballroom.
 - o Tuesday, June 6th: Rebecca Rule will present "Moved and Seconded: New Hampshire Town Meetings" at the Library.
 - o Tuesday, July 11th: Steve Taylor of the Humanities Council will present on "Poor Houses and Town Farms."
 - o Tuesday, August 8th: Steve Taylor will present on "One-room Schoolhouses: Romance and Reality."
 - o Wednesday, September 13th: Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" at the NHS.
 - o Tuesday, October 24th: Pamela Weeks will present on "New England Quilts and Their Stories."
 - o November programming is to be determined.
- Appreciation was expressed to Dean for his work on the website updates.
- This year's International Workcamp, sponsored by REVITE, will be the last workcamp here in Newport. The NHS has been told that the workcamp will paint the museum's front porch. REVITE has requested a \$100 donation for this service. Jackie made a motion to donate \$100 to REVITE to contribute to its cost of sponsoring the workcamp. Jerry seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- Hope Leone's journal has been transcribed and formatted for printing by Jayna. The NHS is awaiting approval from Hope's family to publish the journal.
- The airport/Town of Newport will be putting up a sign (like a national park sign) near the Corbin Bridge with information about the history of the bridge. A Newport High School Eagle Scout candidate will be conducting historical research pertaining to the precise date of the bridge, which is currently only *estimated* to be 1835. Jackie and Larry have looked into old town records, and found references in the 1844 town report pertaining to "hauling stone" for bridge abutments, finding materials and building the "Corbin bridge." There is a reference in the 1843 town report for "the new bridge."

- Lucinda Hill Hogarty has requested that the NHS facilitate a proclamation to be submitted by the town of Newport in recognition of Killingworth, Conn.'s 350th anniversary. Newport's first settlers came from Killingworth, CT. If anyone from Newport is interested in participating in Killingworth's 350th celebration, May 9th will be Killingworth's "Naming Day" ceremony, and September 2nd will be the town's parade and picnic. Dean will work on crafting the proclamation.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayna H. Hooper, Secretary