

**Newport Historical Society Board Meeting**  
**April 9, 2018 6:30 pm**  
**Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum**

Since the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting there were 2 email votes:

1. A vote to have the Newport Historical Society to approve to join the Town solar energy Program. The vote was yes by the majority. 11 in favor and 1 not in favor.
2. A vote on joining the Amazon Smile Fundraising Program. The vote was yes by the majority. 9 in favor, 2 no response, and 1 abstain.

Vice-President Jerry Hagebusch Called the Meeting to order at 6:37.

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

Absent: Cathryn Baird President, Arnie Hebert, Laura McCrillis, Jayna Hooper

No Public Present:

**Public Forum:**

There were no comments from the public.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 12, 2018 were open for discussion. No one presented any amendments or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Jackie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Pris.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

- A donation of \$100 was made to the group who sponsors the International Work Camp.

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

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for March 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- 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

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- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Priscilla.

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:

- We had (6) visitors sign the register for the month of March.
- We made no purchases of artifacts since the last report:
- We had (8) individual donation of artifacts to the Museum in March:
- The week of May 14th we will be visited by the (4) 4th grade classes (day and time to be determined)
- Dean and Larry will be invited in again to talk with the 6th, 7th & 8th grade Social Studies classes sometime this quarter (April 4th to mid June), date, time & subject matter to be determined.
- Rita James is working on the Vital Records, thank you Rita.
- We are working on organizing the Old Town Documents, great fun as you never know what may show up in those records.
- 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.
- Grey chairs formerly used as the Museum are available should anyone want them.

**Fundraising Report:**

- Jackie provided the fund raising report.
- Covered Bridge Ornaments will be the focus of next year's ornaments.
- Students working on a Festival Pin and Logo – deadline is the end of May.
- Jackie, Stan and Rita visited Northern Lights Etching for further discussion of covered bridge souvenirs.
- The NHS will be at the Apple Pie Crafts fair - Aug 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The NHS will be at Chamber Day – Saturday June 16.
- Need help at the farmers market table on May 25<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Farmers market Calendar is incorporated on the Docent Calendar.

**Membership Report:**

- Membership for the NHS ended at 275 for the 2017 FY.
- Current Membership is 253.
- A list of Members who have not renewed was distributed. If they are not renewed by the next newsletter, one will not be sent to them.

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**Old Business:**

- Larry exhibited a map of covered bridges that he and Arthur are preparing for the CCB Colored Flyer....still in development – looks great!
- Jackie is working in earnest on her Covered Bridge Book.
- Discontinued and retired ornaments – There was a discussion on what to do with any discontinued ornaments – the decision among the group was to make them available for future sales but do not take to off-site venues.

**Corbin Covered Bridge Event:**

- Dean presented a sales sheet for sponsors and vendors. Copies will be made and brought to the breakfast meeting.
- Dean has the login info for the NHS Face Book account and a video is in place – turn up the sound!
- There were discussions about possible event activities and people involved.... More details will be discussed at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Jackie will contact members of the group to personally invite.

NEXT CCB Festival MEETING: Will be a breakfast meeting at Cathryn's house at 9:00 AM Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:**

- **No New Business was presented**

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

A Motion to adjourn was made by Rita.  
The Second to the Motion was made by Stan.  
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson  
Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)