

Newport Historical Society Minutes

August 9, 2010

Sugar River Bank Community Room

Attendees

Members: Cathryn Baird, Mary Lou McGuire, Christina O'Brien, Dakota Sargent, Kevin Sargent, Allan McGuire, Ray Pammett, Lillian Baier, June Liberman, Jack Liberman, Anita Hawkins, Craig Cowing, Judi Berry, Bud Berry, Roy MacDonald, Arnie Hebert, Harold Perkins, Pris Hagebusch, Barbara Yeomans

Guests: Dale Lawrence, Vicki Sargent, Linda Smith, Bill Fitts, Joyce Higgins, Charles Higgins, Susan Helie, Susan Swan, Steve Michel, Jan Michel, Pam LaFountain, Abbot Schneiderhan, Roberta Callum, Rachel Brown, Rick Watts, Sue Smith, Linda Branch, Donald Swenson, Ken Dennis, Linda Dennis, Becky Rylander, Laurence Johnson, June Lunderville, Alva Grant, Linda Smith, Susan Helie, Jan Parmelee, Jason Kenney

1. Call to order

Secretary McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Program: New England Gravestones by Kai Nalenz

The Historical Society thanks Kai Nalenz of Gravestone Services of New England, located in Bedford, NH, for his presentation on the history and preservation of New England gravestones. His interesting talk covered the care and preservation of sandstone, slate, marble and granite stones and monuments, as well as amusing stories about his adventures in local cemeteries. Mr. Nalenz received his training from the international Association of Graveyard Studies, established in the 1977, and headquartered in Greenfield, MA. He has worked throughout the northeastern United States, from New York to Monhegan Island to Cape Cod. Attendance: 57.

4. Business Meeting

A. Approval of Secretary Minutes

A motion to accept the Secretary Report for the July 12, 2010 meeting was made by Ray Pammett and seconded by Arnie Hebert and approved by unanimous vote. There was no Treasurer or Executive Committee Reports presented this month.

B. Old Business

1. A motion was made by William Andrew to begin each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and seconded by Jackie Cote. The vote carried, with 9 in favor and 6 against.

2. Christina O'Brien gave a status report on the application process for the LCHIP grant for the Nettleton House. Several meetings have been held with Society members and Catherine Hogan, Historical Society

member and consultant hired to assist in the application process. A tour and walk through with Dr. James Garvin occurred on July 30. He provided invaluable information and assistance on applying for the grant. Mentioned were examples of work that had previously occurred in the building, such as the replacement of the original plaster with drywall. The Historical Society hopes to purchase the building and move in by the first of the year 2011.

C. New Business

1. Apple Pie Craft Fair

The call went out to the membership for help in manning the Historical Society Booth at the apple Pie Craft Fair on Saturday, August 28, 2010. This event runs from 10:00am to 3:00 pm and is sponsored on the Common by the Library Arts Center. Please call President Baird (863-5089) or the Museum (863-1294) if you can help. This event is an enjoyable way to meet people and promote the vitality of the Historical Society. Our Society has become active in many areas, and we need more members to help us continue the strong growth of the past year.

D. Announcements

1. Newsletter

The August 2010 newsletter had been issued. Articles include a letter from the President, a history of the Historical Society, Museum News, a Pier Bridge project update, Riverside Trotting Park, Pine West Personalities, the discovery of a 14th railroad covered bridge, and Newport Notables Dorothy Bartholomew. Thank you to Kevin Sargent, Brenda Curtis, Cathryn Baird, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, and Mary Lou McGuire for their contributions.

2. An article about the Newport Historical Society appeared in the Sunday, August 8, 2010 issue of the Valley News.

3. Suggestions for future program were solicited. Please call the Museum (863-1294) if you can present a program or have a suggestion.

E. Public Forum

1. Craig Cowing requested information about Newport's upcoming 250th celebration. President Baird gave an overview of proposed events, such as an official Town Crier to mark the beginning of the year 2011 in Newport, fireworks, and monthly events. A public meeting will be held on August 26 in the ballroom of the Richards Free Library from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Newport citizens are urged to attend and contribute to the success of this event.

4. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Moved by Christina O'Brien, seconded by Arnie Hebert, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou McGuire
Secretary