

Newport Historical Society Agenda

Executive Committee

December 1, 2010

3:30 PM

NHS Museum

Attendees: Jackie Cote, Christina O'Brien, Mary Lou McGuire, Cathryn Baird

Public: Diana Piotrow

1. Call to order: 3:37 PM
2. Public forum: None
3. Committee Reports: Fundraising, Pier & Wrights Bridges, Membership, Oral History
 - Reports are available at the December 6, 2010 meeting, or upon request.
 - Fundraising: the cow bells will be ready for sale on December 8
 - Pier Bridge: There are no plans for a rededication ceremony in the spring on the state level.
Jackie Cote will contact the Covered Bridge Society to see if they are interested in sponsoring one. There will be two plaques, one at each bridge, which is being organized by the Department of Historic Resources. Jackie Cote will also approach DRED to see if they will post a sign at the trail head for the Wrights Bridge, as it is hard for people to find the bridge.
4. Old Business
 - A. Diana Piotrow, watercolorist from New London
 - Diana presented a second watercolor rendition of the Nettleton House and a black and white sketch. The committee agreed that the renditions are excellent, and made two minor requests for change: that the Opera House and Courthouse in the background of the black and white sketch be made less prominent and that the brick work on the watercolor is made more prominent. Diana left the artwork with the Committee and will present the final work at the next meeting.
 - B. 2010-2011 Budget
 - The Committee had a lengthy discussion of the budgetary factors involved in the purchase and stewardship of the Nettleton House. See attached initial budget compilation for details.
 - C. Museum Acquisitions: 1939 Newport Winter Carnival film from Nancy Norwalk, Plainfield
 - This item was not discussed.
 - D. Nettleton House
 - These issues were discussed as part of the budget.
 1. Capital Campaign
 2. Endowment
 3. Purchase: Timing of purchase
 4. Insurance: liability and property
 5. Utilities: propane, electricity, telephone
 6. Snow Removal/ Grass Mowing
 - E. NHS Business plan
 - This item was tabled.

5. New Business

A. 250th Logo

Jackie Cote presented the official logo for Newport's 250th celebration.

B. 250th fundraising: t-shirts, cow bells

- T-shirt: Jackie Cote presented a proposal to have t-shirts made for the 250th celebration. Designed by Jim Chrimes, the shirt will be black, with Newport New Hampshire 1761-2011 on the front and a rendition of the logo on the back. After she determines the amount to purchase, Jackie will conduct another emergency vote to decide if the membership agrees to expend the money to have the t-shirts made.
- Cow bells: Jackie Cote reported that the emergency vote to purchase the cow bells was passed (23 yes, 1 no), and they will be picked up on December 8 and available for purchase December 10.

6. Other business/announcements

- Jackie Cote reported that the NHS received a request for a donation from the Unity Gazebo Bandstand Committee. She suggested we see what their contribution to the Pier Bridge project was and that we make a decision at the next Executive Meeting.
- Jackie Cote suggested we give WCNL a free membership to the NHS, in regard for the work Steve Smith has done in promoting the NHS. It was agreed to do so.

7. Agenda for December 6, 2010 meeting

- Program: Mysteries of the Opera House by Charles Massey at the *Sugar River Bank Community Room*.
- Acceptance of Executive Minutes
- Acceptance of Treasurer and Secretary Reports
- Watercolor of the Nettleton House
- Nettleton House update.

8. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.