Newport Historical Society Museum Report of March 14, 2016

Since our last meeting, (63) visitors have signed the guest book (most of them from the Winter Carnival weekend).

Purchases: We made (2) purchases since the last meeting:

- (3) Winter Carnival programs -2^{nd} Annual Winter Carnival, 1922 W. C. program and an undated program all for \$185.50
- (1) Antique quilt rack to display quilts in the bedroom for \$20

We had (11) donations since the last meeting:

American Legion (1) item

Pris Hagebusch (3) items

Carol Barber (1) item

Edward Little (18) items

Lisa McManus (1) item

Dick Gassett (106) items

H. Bernice (Bunny) Perry (6) items

Barbara & William Rodeschin (1) item

Addie Kozlik (1) item

Dan O'Neil (6) items

Wendell & Judy Berry (2 items)

I spoke with the Vermont Life Safety Rep. and the town is switching over from being monitored by the Newport Police Dept. to being monitored by Vermont Life Safety. The fee is \$185 per year to monitor the alarm system and the low temperature alarm.

We were running low on acid free sleeves, so I picked up (20) boxes at \$12.50 each. He gave us a \$50 allowance for the non-Newport area items that I exchanged with him so they cost us \$10 per box. His normal price is \$18.50 per box.

The 6 gallon water heater has been installed. We will leave it on and see how it affects the electric bill. If there is a large jump, we can turn it on Saturday and turn it off Sunday after the open hours.

Jayna Huot Hooper has transcribed an 1840's diary of Wheeler titled "Things That Matter". It is about his observations around the Newport area. Thank you, Jayna.

We need volunteers to assist the Museum Committee members and the Historical Society Executive Committee members on Sundays when the Museum is open. Training will be provided. We desperately need Docents, you will enjoy the experience.

Respectfully Larry Cote, Museum Director