

Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
May 14, 2018 6:30 pm
Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum

Vice-President Jerry Hagebusch Called the Meeting to order at 6:33. Cathryn arrived at 6:45 and continued the meeting.

Board Members Present: Cathryn Baird President, Jerry Hagebusch Vice President , Larry Cote Museum Director, Jackie Cote-Treasurer, Dean Stetson Secretary Pro-Tempore, Pris Hagebusch, Arnie Hebert, Jayna Hooper, Rita James, and Stan Sweeney.

Absent: Laura McCrillis, Dr. Arthur Walsh,

Public Present: Tobin and Annette Menard

Public Forum:

Tobin noted that the date/times of NHS Business Meetings is not readily available on the website. Dean offered to correct.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 9th , 2018 were open for discussion. No one presented any amendments or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the April 9th meeting was made by Jackie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Larry.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

Treasurer's Report

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

- Jackie will produce a separate sheet with the Corbin Covered Bridge account information.

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

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for April 1st through the 30st 2018.
- Main Operating Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- Nettleton House Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. INCOME October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House INCOME October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018

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

The Second to the Motion was made by Stan.

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Museum Report:

The Museum Report was presented by Museum Director, Larry Cote– Details in the Monthly Museum report. Highlights include:

- We had (24) visitors sign the register for the month of (April).
- We made (1) purchase of an artifact since the last report: A Turn of the century (1900) Fireman's Badge from Hose Co. # 1 Fireman # 9 Newport, N.H.
- APPROVED - wooden barrel that Cocoa came in, shipped to The Newport a sign from Yetmans Antiques on South Main and a small Ruby cream pitcher with Newport, N.H. etched on it.
- We had (8) individual donation of artifacts to the Museum in (April).
- APPROVED – Discussion to repair to the sign post in front of the Museum. Estimated cost \$160.00.
- APPROVED – Discussion to purchase a small folding table to use with the projector, estimated cost \$30.
- The Museum will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day
- New Docent Maxine Houle will be starting in June.

Fundraising Report:

- Jackie provided the fund raising report.
- Covered Bridge Ornaments will be the focus of next year's ornament.
- Students working on a Festival Pin and Logo – deadline is the end of May.
- The NHS will be at Chamber Day – Saturday June 16. (Pris and Jerry to cover)
- The NHS Will not be at Parlin Field this year due to a personal conflict.

Membership Report:

- Membership for the NHS ended at 275 for the 2017 FY.
- Current Membership is 260.

Old Business:

- Arnie gave an update on the Bank Clock rebuilding project. The Granite State Time Keepers will be at the Museum on May 26th to look at clock to determine repair options.
- Pris mentioned the poor state of the sign at the North Newport Cemetery. Larry will speak to the Cemetery and Grounds Manager (again- as this topic was previously discussed) regarding the ability to just repaint the sign while other plans are being explored. The NHS does have money allocated to support.
- Amazon Smile program in place – make sure you specify Newport **NH** Historical Society.

New Business:

- “Quotables by Newport Notables”- Jayna presented a concept of producing a little booklet of quotes by significant people of Newport. The idea spawned a lively conversation however, no actions were defined.

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- Jackie suggested that the Bronze plaque on the Corbin Covered Bridge be changed to reflect the accurate date of construction in 1843. Arnie to mention to Ray Reid for comment. Dean suggested waiting to make any changes until or during the CCB Event.
- Cathryn suggested the liquidation of non-relative artifacts to strengthen the NHS Endowment. This topic was discussed at length with the suggestion to craft a procedure to communicate the terms of conditions relative to liquidation when donations of artifacts are given to the NHS. To the effect (text editing required- have at it):

Qualification for “Permanent Collection” items shall include a direct connection and be able to provide or exhibit provenance to Newport New Hampshire. Articles not qualified or directly specified for the Newport Historical Society to hold in perpetuity, allows the ability to liquidate as recommended by the board of directors.

A Motion to craft statement and procedure was made by Dean.
The Second to the Motion was made by Jackie.
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Corbin Covered Bridge Event:

- Estimating \$10, 000 to put on the Corbin Covered Bridge Event.
- Remove \$1000 amount from sales flyer – change to “Shared Cover Available” – Completed 4-25-2018 and distributed back to group.
- Noted that both front and back of flyer will be “Covers”
- Dean presented at an event at CTE Expo at school on May 3rd.
- Dean presented event info at Rotary May 9th.
- Photo Opportunity to retrieve Original Covered Bridge remnants discussed – Date TBD.
- VOTE – The group discussed and unanimously approved Abigail McCoy Illustrations to produce graphics per contracts.
- VOTE - to produce banner advertizing CCB Event. Arthur made motion, Rita Seconded. All approved.CCB Event – Dean to approached Paint N Place. UPDATE 5-14-2018 - Graphics discussed and changes identified – Jackie suggested holding off until the school made their logo so we will hold ordering Banner until after May.

NEXT CCB Festival MEETING: Will be a breakfast meeting at Cathryn’s house at 9:00 AM Saturday June 2nd.

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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)