

Newport Historical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
September 12, 2011 – 6:00 PM
Library Arts Center

Attendees: Cathryn Baird, Christina O'Brien, Jackie Cote

Public: Michelle Hamilton, Dottie Collins, Larry Cote, Laura Kessler,
Rita James

1. Call to Order at 6:03 PM
2. Public Forum – Julie Collins from Newport Planning and Zoning discussed the possibility of holding the Heritage Committee meetings just prior to our Executive Committee meetings as three of the five members were also NHS members. Julie will provide more information for the committee to consider.
3. Committee Reports – Fundraising & Museum posted on website
4. Old Business
 - A. Newmont Military Band – Concert date has been changed to Friday, October 7 at 7 PM on the bandstand. The group consists of 22 members from all over New England. If weather is a problem, the backup venue will be Richards School auditorium.
 - B. Cemetery Report – Cathryn Baird was able to speak with Ken Dennis about the report that stones were repositioned at the Pine Street West Cemetery. Ken reported that it was not the town employees who reset the stone. He respects and welcomes NHS involvement and expertise in this area, is glad that we're interested and hopes to work with us in the future.
 - C. Museum sign has been installed. Jim Chrimes is working on the smaller sign with our hours that will hang under the large sign. The smaller sign will state that our hours are Sunday 10AM to 2 PM or by appointment.
 - E. Sponsorship Drive is complete with ample funds being raised to pay for publishing the book, *Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond* plus shipping.

- F. Tribute to Babe Sargent event will be held this coming Saturday at 7 PM and Sunday Matinee at 2 PM. Tickets are \$10.00.
- G. Listing of 250th Events for Charter Week will be given at the general membership meeting to follow.

5. New Business

- A. B. C. Due to time constraints, Membership Drive, Newsletter and Elections will be discussed at the general meeting to follow.
- D. Our phone service will be moved to the Nettleton House Museum on Monday 9/19. We have a new 2 year contract, no increase in cost, that will now include unlimited long distance in US and Canada. Also included are caller ID, 3-way calling and other basic services. Because of the new contract, the usual \$60 charge to move service has been waived.
- E. Jackie proposed purchasing magnets to be given to members and visitors at our grand opening and will be discussed during our general membership meeting to follow.

The meeting was adjourned to the General Membership Meeting at 6:33 PM

Respectfully submitted
Jacqueline Cote
Secretary Pro-Tem