

Newport Historical Society Agenda
September 13, 2010
Sugar River Bank Community Room
7:00 PM

Attendees

Members:

Jackie Cote	Cathryn Baird	Mary Lou McGuire	Roy MacDonald
Christina O'Brien	Brenda Curtis	Pris Hagebusch	Dottie Collins
Barbara Yeomans	Jerry Hagebusch	Larry Cote	Bud Berry
Stan Sweeney	Dakota Sargent	Kevin Sargent	Judy Berry
June Liberman	Jack Liberman	Arthur Walsh	Ray Pammett
Anita Hawkins	Newc Eldredge	Sally Eldredge	John C. McCrillis
Kay McCrillis	Dianne Rochford		

Guests: Laura Kessler, Pat McCabe, Sue Swan, Mr. Swan, Dick Hastings, Joan Hastings, Sandra Greenwood, Jean Ouellette, Cathryn L. Gallione, Darleen Gallione, Jaeda Rochford, John McDonough, Gloria McDonough

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Program: Newport's Little Red Schoolhouse by Laura McCrillis Kessler

Attendees: 40

3. Consent Agenda Approval

Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes, Secretary Report and Treasurer Report was moved by Jack Liberman and seconded by Anita Hawkings and unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

- 1. Pier Bridge Project:** Jackie Cote informed us that the latest change order for the Wrights/Pier Bridges project requires the total replacement of the top cords of Wrights Bridge, for which an additional \$23,000 needs to be raised. These rotted boards bring into question the safety of the bridge for public use, and a load bearing test will be performed soon. If the money cannot be found and allow completion of this work this year, the cost will increase about an additional \$20,000 for remobilization fees. Aside from this setback, the work should be 60% complete by the end of September. See the September Pier Bridge report for full details.
- 2. LCHIP Grant:** The NHS voted to hire a grant writer in order for the NHS to put forth the best possible application for a grant to purchase the Nettleton House and make necessary repairs. We should hear the results by mid to late November. If the grant does not come through, we will still move forward with the purchase of the property, which will require more work from NHS members to support this venture. Catherine Hogan was hired as grant writer for this project, and as per her contract, which was approved by the NHS membership, the final fee was \$1,000.00 due to additional hours required to complete the grant process.

5. New Business

1. 2010-2011 Ballot

The NHS annual election occurs at the October meeting, this year on October 18 and held at the South Congregational Church Fellowship Hall after the October program. The nomination committee presents the following slate for the 2010-2011 ballot: President: Cathryn Baird, Vice President: Todd Coull, Treasurer: Jackie Cote, Secretary: Mary Lou McGuire, Museum Committee: Christina O'Brien, Brenda Curtis, and Larry Cote. Room for write ins and nominations from the floor to be included.

2. Membership Drive

The annual NHS membership drive begins in October, so watch for the renewal letter! President Baird urged all members to reach out to friends and acquaintances and ask them to consider joining our organization. We have grown from 13 members to 139 members over the past three years, and we would like to see membership growth continue.

3. Fundraising:

Apple Pie Craft Fair: Jackie Cote reported that we had a phenomenal day at this year's Fair, making \$1,085.00. Of that \$902.00 was from our new ornament: Skating on the Common. In fact, we sold over half of our new stock in the first two weeks, and have reordered more. (Secretaries note: many thanks to Stan Sweeney for coming up with the design idea for these ornaments!)

Fall Sales Schedule: Jackie also informed the membership that the NHS would once again be setting up shop in the foyer of the Sugar River Bank during the months of November and December. Please watch for us the first Friday and Saturday in November, and use this opportunity to purchase holiday gifts. This is our biggest fundraising opportunity of the year, and we ask for your support.

LAC Gallery of Gifts: NHS ornaments and cemetery impressions will be featured in this year's Gallery of Gifts.

6. Announcements

1. Board of Selectmen presentation: The NHS Cemetery Committee will make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen on September 20 to request their support of the restoration and preservation of Pine Street West Cemetery. NHS members are urged to show their support by attending.
2. The next NHS meeting will be held on October 18, the THIRD Monday of the month, because of the holiday on October 11. Please join us at the South Congregational Church for a presentation of its history by Jim Perkins.
3. Request for museum: President Baird put forth a request for an old fishing pole for the NHS museum, to go along with a painting by Sid Bickford of a lake trout. A generous member believes he has one to donate.
4. Fabrications: President Baird urged everyone to visit the Fabrications art show at the Richards Mill. This is the last weekend it is open.

5. 250th Planning session: President Baird urged all present to attend Newport's 250th planning session, which is held each fourth Thursday of the month in the Richards Free Library ballroom from 6:00 to 7:50pm.

7. Public Forum

1. Larry Cote made mention that Jim Garvin identified the siding of the Wrights and Pier Bridges as original to 1906. Jackie mentioned that the workers are saving trunnels from the bridges for the NHS.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:40pm was made by Larry Cote, seconded by Stan Sweeney and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou McGuire
Secretary