

## **Wilmington Historical Society- Action Plan- 2021**

### **Building:**

- Continue fund raising, seeking grants and increase membership.
- Continue working with established WHS Building Committee.
- Continue to grow Wilmington Historical Society Fund at the Adirondack Foundation.
- Acquire grant/working drawings of Wilmington Historical Society Building.
- Solicit bids on building construction and materials.

### **Programs:** (As COVID-19 regulations allow)

- Continue lecture series and educational outreach programs.
- Coordinate with local schools and youth groups to assist students with projects.
- Continue using social media to promote Wilmington history.
- Photograph maps and documents for use in slide shows.
- Provide educational programs to other interested organizations.
- Plan Wilmington Whiskey Run and Heritage Festival.

### **Training and Conferences:**

- Members and trustees attend regional roundtables and conferences for training, information and presentations.
- Members and trustees pursue online training opportunities.

### **Recruiting New Members:**

- Encourage attendance at open discussion meetings-target and communicate with people knowledgeable on topics.
- Encourage attendance in person or virtually at programs and events through personal contact and publicity through posters, Jay News, local newspapers, members e-mail, Facebook, and ambassadors at town events.
- Recruit members for sub committees
- Reach out to other historical societies, sharing programs and lectures

### **Archive Preservation and Conservation:**

- Continue to archive photos that we have obtained and seek more photos of Wilmington.
- Continue to catalog all records onto software program.
- Continue to conserve documents by purchasing acid free and archive safe storage materials.
- Continue to look into conservation of local materials and documents which need professional conservation.
- Finish cataloging and archiving the Harold Hinds, Jr. Collection of research materials
- Finish cataloging and archiving the Myrtle Haselton Gowan Collection.

### **Projects/Displays:**

- Redesign of and transition to new website.

- Continue sales for the Harold Hinds Wilmington Series, the Arcadia book, the 102 Club book and other items.
- Interview seniors for historical knowledge and create digital voice recordings
- Create portable/rotating and virtual displays.
- Booth and display at Wilmington Festival of Colors in fall.
- Continue to actively pursue restoration and preservation of Wilmington cemeteries.
- Apply for historical markers grants.

### **Research:**

- Assist in inquiries from the general public regarding Wilmington history/genealogy.
- Historical research for support of town wide and other projects.
- Keep record of research requests.
- Update index of resources WHS with new acquisitions.
- Continue “Wilmington Roots” research as open discussion topics and research requests.
- Assist in Wilmington 200th anniversary celebration.

### **Charter Obligations:**

- Maintain specific hours of research operation as permitted by COVID-19 regulations.
- Track volunteer hours
- File annual report.

### **2022-2025** **Long Range Plans**

- Raise money and obtain grants for a permanent building.
- Search for endowments and long term support for a building.
- Continue building planning and open the new WHS Ruth & Thomas Keegan Memorial History Center.
- Create Bonneview Cemetery Map.
- Conservation of maps
- Create permanent memorial to town founder Reuben Sanford
- Create a heritage/garden path.