

**Wilmington Historical Society**

Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
Online Meeting via Zoom

**Attendees**

Karen Peters  
Susan Albert  
Gil Dyke  
Linda Joss-Dyke  
Nancy Cressey  
Merri Peck  
Jess Anon

Karen Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There was no open discussion since we held the meeting online due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Susan Albert made a correction to the February meeting minutes. The bank balance for the Keegan Building Fund should be \$122,447.63. Linda Joss-Dyke then moved to accept the minutes as corrected and her motion was seconded by Merri Peck. All voted in favor.

Susan then discussed the treasurer's report. Our bank balances as of January 31st are as follows:

Operating Account	\$10,304.99
Building Transfer Fund Account	128.00
Zachay Memorial Account	2,000.00
Keegan Memorial Building Construction Fund	122,545.81
Petty Cash Fund	100.00
Adirondack Foundation Account	\$53,077.72

Since November a total of 63 donors have contributed \$13,861 to our annual appeal. Gil Dyke moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Linda Joss-Dyke seconded his motion. It carried unanimously.

Susan provided a copy of the budget approved at the last meeting. Karen mentioned that she has been having a problem with Facebook. She has been unable to obtain donation money owed to the WHS by Facebook despite numerous attempts to contact them. It was suggested that we inform them that we will take legal action if necessary.

Karen then discussed communications for the month. She received a copy of the Rupert column transcribed by Kim Marshall to use in our website. She sent a sympathy card to Linda Johnson whose mother passed away.

We received a Whiteface Mountain House brochure from the 1930s. The picture on the brochure shows the unfinished Whiteface Highway. Karen sent a deed of gift form and thank you letter to the donor.

Operations Manager Paul Casson of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC) field station will give a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary talk about the facility. Karen received an inquiry from local writer John Sasso seeking information about how the mountains in the area got their names. Karen sent him some photos and some information about Asa Lawrence's ride down the log sluice on a shovel. She also referred him to Guy Stephenson for more information. We also received an inquiry on the Thaddeus Owen family and a question about an old hotel on Hardy Road.

The WHS space in the town hall is coming along nicely. We should now be able to have people come in for research by appointment only. Our new shelving is in and almost complete. We do need to get UV light covers to protect our archives. Karen reported that Doug Nemec, who is in charge of the cemeteries for the town is doing an excellent job of cleaning up and compiling all the records.

We received an email from the Pomeroy Foundation that there is a capital expenditure grant opportunity. Some of the equipment that we could use is a new printer/scanner, a portable scanner, new laptops and audiovisual equipment that will work outdoors.

Karen reported for the Plans & Programs Committee that she sent out the open discussion schedule and archive hours which will take effect whenever we are able to start meeting in person. No programs have been planned as yet for 2021. It was suggested that if we can schedule any presentations we could offer them on Zoom simultaneously if the presenter agrees. Karen will also check to see if we can have speakers at the ASRC building which has much more space to allow for social distancing.

The Whiskey Run is set for June 19<sup>th</sup>. We need to start working on planning for the town's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We discussed the possibility of trying to get a grant to have Dave Ruch record the Wilmington Chronicles which tell the story of the gun going back and forth between Wilmington and Black Brook. Karen will check with the Essex County Arts Council about grant possibilities.

Nancy Cressey reported for the Membership and Nominations Committee that the membership brochures for the 2021 membership drive were mailed out yesterday.

Linda reported for the Fundraising Committee that a Whiskey Run planning meeting was held and they decided to hold a virtual race, both 5k and 10k distances. There may still be a possibility of an actual race also. Linda said they are exploring the possibility of holding a raffle for the racers.

Karen reported that Tony Beck has been working on the wording for a historical marker about the Wilmington cannon for the William G Pomeroy Foundation Legends & Lore Historical Markers program.

Karen and Merri have been working on our new website. Karen researched the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) website compliance requirement with several organizations and obtained some good information. She presented a copy of an ADA Website Compliance & Disclaimer that she compiled based on what she learned. Susan moved to approve the disclaimer as written and Linda seconded her motion. It carried unanimously.

Karen reported that we will do the presentation of the plaque for Patrick McIntyre as soon as he is able.

Volunteer hours are needed from any who have not yet reported them.

Merri made a motion to adjourn and Gil seconded it. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Cressey  
Secretary