

**Wilmington Historical Society**  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
Wilmington Community Center, 6:30 pm

**Attendees**

Merri Peck  
Susan Albert  
Linda Joss-Dyke  
Gil Dyke  
Judy Lawrence  
Guy Stephenson  
Nancy Cressey  
Bob Cressey

Merri Peck called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Our open discussion topic was “Early Wilmington Settlers.” Merri referred to the Wilmington serial records to identify families which have been in Wilmington since the earliest days. Many of the family names are still present today.

The business meeting commenced immediately following the discussion. We reviewed the minutes from the meeting of February 5<sup>th</sup>. Guy Stephenson moved to accept them as read and Gil Dyke seconded his motion. All voted in favor. We then reviewed the treasurer’s report. Bank balances as of now are as follows:

Operating Account	\$4,839.47
Transfer Account	128.00
Zachay Fund	2,010.00
Building Fund	83,417.93
Adirondack Foundation	50,839.12

Guy moved to accept the treasurer’s report and his motion was seconded by Bob Cressey. It carried unanimously. We reviewed the proposed budget. Susan Albert identified and explained changes and Guy offered a motion to accept the budget as presented. His motion was seconded by Bob and all voted in favor. Susan mentioned that we are now officially registered with the Attorney General’s Office as a non-profit. Since we obtained our charter through the Department of Education we were not initially on the AG list of non-profits, but it will be helpful in obtaining grants. Susan and Karen will meet with H&R Block for preparation of our IRS form 990 on April 21.

There was nothing to report for communications during the month.

We received digital photos of the Top Notch Tea Room from Terry Murphy. Judy Lawrence donated a patch from the Adirondack Ridge Runners snowmobile club and a book of matches from Hazel & Bill’s Restaurant.

Our next research day will be Tuesday, March 17. Merri asked for suggestions for a theme for the Festival of Colors. One thought was early settlers but it was decided that should be saved for 2021, prior to our town bicentennial celebration. Another suggestion for the theme was “Fishing.”

Some of our Programs for 2020 have been finalized. “Seeing the Forest and the Trees” will be presented by Nancy Smith at the Community Center on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. “Rural Rosie” will be presented Monday, August 17 by Kate Torchetti. The History Fair at Lake Placid Elementary School will be held June 11-18. On Saturday, October 10 Jessica Mulvey will lead a pack basket workshop from 9 am to 4 pm.

Nancy Cressey reported for the Membership and Nominations Committee that the brochures for our annual membership drive went out within the past few days. We received 13 membership renewals in the past month.

Linda reported on fundraising. Linda and Sue Hockert met to discuss ideas for changing the location of the raffle. Swag bags will be given at the end of the race right next to the raffle tables. Linda pointed out that NY State assigns a monetary value to volunteer hours. Can we use this for obtaining grants/matching funds? Linda has sent out letters to churches, vendors and racers raffle sponsors about booths. She will also offer a booth to the director of the youth center.

Susan reported on historical markers. We need to come up with a list of markers. Suggestions included the Everest House, the Methodist Church, Ruben Sanford, the Toll House, the McGrath House and the Nazarene Church among other ideas.

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob seconded her motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Cressey  
Secretary