

**Wilmington Historical Society**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Wilmington Community Center

**Attendees**

Karen Peters

Merri Peck

Judy Lawrence

Nancy Cressey

Bob Cressey

Jess Ano (by phone)

Karen Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Karen began our open discussion on "Notable Wilmington Women." Among the women discussed were Clara Merrill who founded the Owaissa Club, Electa Hayes who taught school and served on the library board, Jeanne Ashworth who was an Olympic speedskater and former town supervisor and a number of others who actively served the community in various ways. Merri contributed information about several other women including "Aunt Mary" Lawrence who served as a nurse to the community.

At the conclusion of the discussion the business meeting commenced. Karen announced that the Audit Committee meeting was again postponed and has been rescheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She then called for the secretary's report. Bob Cressey moved to accept the February minutes as read and his motion was seconded by Jess Ano. All voted in favor. Review of the treasurer's report was postponed due to illness of the treasurer. We then discussed the proposed budget. Jess made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Bob seconded her motion. It carried unanimously.

We received a communication from Starr Povey about an Irish Family History Lecture Tour from March 9-26. The tour is sponsored by the Ulster Historical Foundation and is intended to help those looking for their Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors. Charles Haselton sent an email of appreciation for the New York State Archaeological Survey conducted prior to the replacement of the bridge in the center of Wilmington. The survey, which was recently published, contains some interesting history with information and photos contributed by the WHS. Author Marty Podskoch wrote that he needs someone to take over organizing the Annual ADK 102 Club Gathering at the Hotel Saranac on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Karen reported that Merri has been working on the Olney family history and Doug Wolfe has also provided a great deal of information about the family. She has added this information to our other family history files. Karen also had someone by appointment who was working on the Winch family history. The next research day will be March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM. The research day previously scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> had been changed to May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The summer program schedule has been set up. On Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Dr. David Starbuck will talk about "Adirondack Archaeology" at the Community Center. At 7 PM Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> Andy Flynn will present "Adirondack Artifacts" night at the Pourman's Tap House. On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> Ivy Gocker will present "Fools Rushed In: WHH Murray's Adventures in the Wilderness, 150 Years Later" at 7 PM at the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center. On Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Margaret Bartley will present "Votes for Women" at the Community Center. The theme for the Festival of Colors on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> is "Hiking the Adirondacks: Looking for the View."

The History Fair with Lake Placid Elementary School and the North Elba Historical Society will be held June 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12.

Karen has applied for \$3200 in grants for the Plattsburgh Reenactors and Dave Ruch who will perform at the Heritage Celebration. She has sent Whiskey Run PR information out to two websites. The shirts are being done this year by Thom Loreman. He is also doing the design and handling retail sales. The next Whiskey Run meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy Cressey reported that the 2019 membership flyers have gone out.

Karen passed out copies of our amended bylaws. She mentioned that we need to get our website updated especially since we changed the dues amounts. Merri will try to do this.

We have received the first draft of architectural plans for our building. Gil Dyke, and Bob and Karen Peters will meet with the architect with suggestions from the committee on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Karen distributed copies of our 2019 Action Plan. We discussed the possibility of group registration of volunteers for the Iron Man on July 28<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible to receive a donation to the WHS.

Judy Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting and Merri Peck seconded her motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Cressey  
Secretary  
Wilmington Historical Society