

**Wilmington Historical Society**

Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, April 1, 2020  
Online Meeting via Zoom

**Attendees**

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

Karen Peters called the meeting to order at 6:55pm. There was no open discussion since we held the meeting online due to COVID 19 restrictions. We reviewed the minutes from the meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup>. Gil Dyke moved to accept them as read and Susan Albert seconded his motion. All voted in favor. We then reviewed the treasurer's report. Bank balances as of now are as follows:

Operating Account	\$7,417.80
Transfer Account	128.00
Zachay Fund	2,010.00
Building Fund	84,535.93
Adirondack Foundation	50,299.38

Susan presented a summary of the Whiskey Run & Heritage Festival expenses and Income for 2019 and current status of expenses and revenue for 2020. She also presented a reconciliation of petty cash, showing receipts and expenses bringing the total to \$100. Nancy Cressey moved to accept the treasurer's report and her motion was seconded by Bob Cressey. It carried unanimously. The appointment with H&R Block to prepare our IRS Form 990 is April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have to wait and see how this is to be handled.

We received a letter from Iron Man Lake Placid about the grant opportunity if we provide volunteers. Guy Stephenson reported that he received an email proposal to power wash the headstones in the cemetery. He rejected this idea because the headstones could be damaged. The funds allocated for the cemetery are limited and probably would best be used for doing tree work.

We received a Whiteface Mountain House brochure from 1919. Karen will send a thank you letter and a deed of gift form.

Our scheduled research days are discontinued until further notice due to the restrictions on gatherings. Karen reminded us that we will soon be moving our cabinets downstairs to our new location in the Community Center. The schedule of programs for 2020 is as follows:

“Prohibition in the North Country” by Lawrence P. Gooley 7pm Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wilmington Community Center

“Seeing the Forest and the Trees” by Nancy Smith 7pm Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wilmington Community Center.

“High Falls Gorge 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History & Tour” Walk the gorge followed by presentation by Karen Peters 4:30pm Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at High Falls Gorge

“Rural Rosie” by Kate Torchetti 7pm Monday, August 17 at the Wilmington Community Center.

Pack Basket making class by Jessica Mulvey 9am to 4pm Saturday, October 10, venue to be announced.

Status of the Lake Placid Elementary School History Fair is unknown at this time. WHS will be working with Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) on History Highlights of Whiteface Highway. Karen will collaborate with Allison Haas to create a Power Point slide show of Santa's Workshop and everything on Whiteface Highway. Doug Wolfe may have information to contribute on this subject. Planning for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town is on hold for the time being.

Nancy Cressey reported for the Membership and Nominations Committee that we received 27 membership renewals in the past month. Our total membership for 2020 now stands at 80.

Linda reported on fundraising. She has been in contact with individual members of the committee. She has also contacted the T-shirt vendors. She reported that we have received runners' raffle prizes from Mirror Lake Inn and Crown Plaza and the town is providing a kayak rental and packed lunch. The hotels should be given some type of recognition for their donations. The Whiskey Run website is all new.

Susan and Merri are working together on the historical marker project.

Karen suggested that we should change our mission statement to broaden our area somewhat in order to increase our chances at obtaining grants. After a brief discussion it was proposed that the mission statement should be, "The mission of the Wilmington Historical Society is to collect, preserve, display and interpret the documents, photographs and artifacts that tell the unique story of Wilmington, New York and the Whiteface Region." Gil moved to adopt the new mission statement and Nancy seconded his motion. All voted in favor.

Karen needs volunteer hours from all WHS board members and active members. AARCH and WHS are working to obtain a grant from Preserve New York for a site assessment of Santa's Workshop in preparation for application to be placed on the National Historical Register.

Free membership certificates were given out at the Wilmington Annual Newcomers Dinner. WHS is applying for an Essex County Cultural Assistance Program (CAP) grant for our summer program series.

Gil moved to adjourn the meeting and Susan seconded his motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Cressey  
Secretary