

Wilmington Historical Society

Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Online Meeting via Zoom

Attendees

Karen Peters
Nancy Cressey
Merri Peck
Jess Ano

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.

Merri Peck moved to accept the April meeting minutes as read and her motion was seconded by Jess Ano. All voted in favor.

Karen then presented the treasurer's report in the absence of Susan Albert. Our bank balances as of April 30th are as follows:

Operating Account	\$16,605.39
Building Transfer Fund Account	128.00
Zachay Memorial Account	2,000.00
Keegan Memorial Building Construction Fund	128,674.04
Petty Cash Fund	100.00
Adirondack Foundation Account	\$54,415.79

We are still trying to get the address change to make our bank statements and IRS file consistent. Once we receive confirmation from the IRS of the address correction we will file our IRS form 990. The address correction should also allow Facebook to send us fundraising money they have been holding on our behalf. Merri moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Nancy Cressey seconded her motion. It carried unanimously.

Karen then discussed communications for the month. An email from Doug Wolfe provided some additional information about the letters about souvenirs that he donated last month. We received the deed of gift for those letters also.

We received some documents from Wesley Ditts. He donated materials he received from the estate of Hazel Ladd who was the historian of the Methodist Church in the 60s and 70s. The Ausable River Association contacted the WHS to see if we would be interested in an arrowhead which was found during the Earth Day clean up. The finder of the arrowhead may contact us.

Karen reported for the Library, Museum, and Historical Sites Committee that she and Merri have been meeting regularly to organize the archives in our library. The books are now indexed and in good order.

Karen reported for the Publications and Programs Committee that we may possibly resume open discussions in September. She suggested that we try to do a program about whiskey and she has contacted Sarah Beach of Murray's Fools to see if she would be interested in presenting such a program. The virtual Whiskey Run will be held June 19th. The Festival of Colors will be on September 11th. Planning for the 200th anniversary celebration for Wilmington is ongoing. Karen found out that the town was first established on March 27, 1821 as Danville, and was renamed Wilmington on March 22, 1822. Monica McGaughey suggested that storytellers might be a good event for the celebration.

The town is thinking about a name for the recreational park. Karen suggested Reuben and Polly Sanford Recreational Park as a possibility. Merri then suggested that the park be named after someone local who was active in sports. Everyone agreed that would be appropriate.

Karen reported that she sent out requests for Iron Man Volunteer grant team members so that we can get credit for a grant. The Wilmington History Tour will be in August. Laurie George has volunteered to help take photos of our artifacts.

Nancy reported for the Membership and Nominations Committee that the current membership total stands at 89. Nominations are now open for president, vice-president, secretary and one trustee position currently held by Jess Ano. Karen Peters, Merri Peck and Nancy Cressey were all nominated to serve as president, vice-president and secretary, respectively. Jess Ano indicated that she wishes to step down from her trustee position. Several people were mentioned as possible replacements and Karen agreed to contact them to see if they would be willing to serve.

The website for the Whiskey Run has been completely revised to be a virtual race. Ads for the race will appear in the May and June issues of the local sports newspaper.

We also advertised on Facebook, email, our website, and the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST). Letters and emails were sent to all past and new sponsors. All vendors were contacted and given the option to receive a refund, roll over to 2022 or donate to the WHS. Our \$2500 grant from Adirondack Foundation has been rolled over twice from 2020 to 2022. The 1812 reenactors and the distillers have been contacted for 2022. Medals and lanyards have been ordered and the photo frame is under construction. Twelve plaques have been ordered for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for male and female and for both the 5k and 10k races. Shirts have been ordered and we will have a barrel head with logos for the Whiskey Run and for WHS.

Tony Beck, Karen and Merri have been working on the historical marker for Legends and Lore. Our submission on the stolen cannon was sent in and we are awaiting response. If it is chosen the marker will be placed in the recreation park near the tennis courts as that is the site here the cannon was located.

Merri and Karen have been working with Marisol Sauer on our new website. It is progressing nicely.

We received the Pomeroy Grant for \$3290 for the equipment on our wish list. Karen will be meeting with Best Buy to see what they can do for us pricewise. We also received a CAP Grant for \$630 to record music for the stolen gun story.

The Riverside Thrift Shop has indicated that they will be making monthly donations from their monetary collections to four area non-profits, one being the WHS building fund.

Our town newsletter report is due in June. Guy Stephenson is working on getting another cover for the gun carriage at the town garage because the one that is there is in poor condition.

Merri moved to adjourn and Jess seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Cressey
Secretary