

Wilmington Historical Society

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Pavilion at Preston Festival Field

Attendees

Karen Peters

Gil Dyke

Linda Joss-Dyke

Guy Stephenson

Susan Albert

Judy Lawrence

Laurie George

Jess Ano

Barbara Shaffer

Bob Cressey

Nancy Cressey

Merri Peck

Karen Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The first order of business was to honor Jess Ano for her six years of service as Trustee of the Wilmington Historical Society. She was presented with a certificate and lifetime membership.

Elections were then held for president, vice-president, secretary and one trustee position formerly held by Jess Ano. Nominees were as follows: President – Karen Peters, Vice-President – Merri Peck, Secretary – Nancy Cressey, Trustee – Laurie George. Guy Stephenson moved to close the nominations and Gil Dyke seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Each nominee was unanimously elected by secret ballot receiving thirteen votes each.

Guy moved to accept the May meeting minutes as read and his motion was seconded by Linda Joss-Dyke. All voted in favor.

Susan Albert presented the treasurer's report. Our bank balances as of May 31st are as follows:

Operating Account	\$12,782.42
Building Transfer Fund Account	128.00
Zachay Memorial Account	2,000.00
Keegan Memorial Building Construction Fund	128,732.07
Petty Cash Fund	100.00
Adirondack Foundation Account	\$56,030.90

Net receipts of \$1,780 were primarily from an Essex County Arts Council CAP Grant of \$630 and four Whiskey Run sponsorships totaling \$1,000. Expenditures of \$4,138 included our technology grant purchases of \$3,455, Whiskey Run purchases of \$409 and several smaller purchases. Guy moved to accept the report and his motion was seconded by Linda. It carried unanimously, Susan reported that a problem we have been having in trying to get the addresses on our tax form and bank account to be consistent should be resolved by next month. This will enable us to get the money owed to WHS by Facebook.

The annual report and newsletter are due in June.

Karen then discussed communications for the month. We received some information to the effect that the person who found the arrowhead may be willing to donate it but Karen has not received a response yet. Roy Holzer has agreed that the town will install the light covers we bought to protect the archives from the fluorescent lighting.

There was a question about whether the Griffin and Merrill babies were actually the same baby. This was confirmed by Gail Coolidge. Karen sent a thank you letter to Wesley Dittes for his donation of Hazel Ladd's artifacts, photo albums and an art plate. The town will name the recreation park after a local sports figure as suggested by the WHS.

Merri Peck reported that our books are now organized and the information will be forwarded to Marisol Sauer to go on our website.

Karen reported that we have three events scheduled for this summer, the Whiskey Run on June 19th, the Walking Tour August 19th and the Festival of Colors September 11th. Dave Ruch will produce audio recordings for the Wilmington 200th anniversary celebration. The cost of \$700 will be mostly covered by our \$630 CAP Grant from Essex County. We will be notified by June 15th whether we will receive the Legends and Lore Grant for our sign about the stolen cannon. The sign will go in front of the tennis courts where the cannon used to stand.

Linda reported that the shirt order has gone out and we have over 90 runners signed up as of now. Linda asked for membership flyers to put in the swag bags. Thank-you letters have been sent to the sponsors. We have 21 sponsors so far. Tickets for our annual gift card raffle fundraiser will be available online starting June 15th. The tickets will be \$5 each or five for \$20.

Gil made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Linda. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Cressey
Secretary