

Wilmington Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, July 7, 2021
Wilmington Community Center

Attendees

Karen Peters
Gil Dyke
Linda Joss-Dyke
Susan Albert
Laurie George
Nancy Cressey

Karen Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There is no open discussion for this meeting. Open discussions will resume in September. There was one correction to the spelling of a name in the June minutes. Gil Dyke moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Linda Joss-Dyke seconded his motion and it carried unanimously.

Susan Albert presented the treasurer's report. Our bank balances as of June 30th are as follows:

Operating Account	\$16,480.47
Building Transfer Fund Account	128.00
Zachay Memorial Account	2,000.00
Keegan Memorial Building Construction Fund	128,783.53
Petty Cash Fund	100.00
Adirondack Foundation Account	\$56,488.47

Net receipts of \$6,068 were primarily from Whiskey Run registrations, donations and sponsorships. Disbursements totaled \$2,547 and were mainly for Whiskey Run Expenses and billing for continuation of work on our website. Susan pointed out that the Mountain Valley Credit Union which just opened a branch in Wilmington gave us a \$1,000 sponsorship for the Whiskey Run. We need to support them and Susan suggested taking \$5,000 or \$6,000 from our operating account and buying a CD. Gil moved to transfer \$6,500 from the operating account to the building fund. Laurie George seconded his motion and all voted in favor. Susan then made a motion to open a 12 month CD at Mountain Valley for \$6,500. Gil seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Susan reported that Facebook is waiting for the IRS to update their non-profit site to show our 2020 return with the correct address. When this happens Facebook will then pay out the money owed to the WHS. Laurie George moved to accept the Treasurer's report and her motion was seconded by Linda. It carried unanimously.

Karen then discussed communications for the month. She got an email from one individual that she hadn't received her Whiskey Run shirt yet. Linda said she needed addresses for a couple of people. As soon as she gets them she will take care of this. Roy Holzer wrote to request a letter of support from the WHS for a grant to create a park pavilion which will be used as a covered ice rink in the winter and for other purposes in the rest of the year. Karen wrote the letter of support. She had an email from Charles Haselton that he has written a letter to the Gates Foundation requesting funds for our building fund. Nancy McNabb sent a newspaper article about fly fishing on the Ausable River here in Wilmington. Thank you letters were sent to every sponsor for the Whiskey Run and Judy Lawrence wrote thank you letters to all who donated through the Whiskey Run website. Karen sent a thank you to Roy Holzer for the help that the town provided in setting up for the Whiskey Run. We had a request for a donation from the Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department. Gil moved to donate \$50 and Linda seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

We had a request for genealogical information from the 1800s for Washburn and Potter from someone seeking to complete applications for two different lineage societies.

Karen reported for the Library, Museum and Historical Sites committee that research hours are now open by appointment. She reported for the Publications and Programs Committee that open discussions will begin in September. The virtual Whiskey Run was completed. The history walking tour will be held August 19th for up to 14 people. Registration is required. Linda suggested that we give the campgrounds information to post about this as the event draws closer. The Festival of Colors will be Saturday, September 11th. The theme is Wilmington History on September 11th.

Nancy Cressey reported for the Membership and Nominations Committee that the annual newsletter was mailed out last month. Reminder letters for dues renewal will go out in September.

Linda reported on fundraising. We had a successful Whiskey Run with income of over \$6,000. Next year we will go back to holding the festival and in-person run, and continue offering the virtual run as well. We are all set with enough lanyards and medals for next year.

We received the Legends and Lore grant for our sign about the stolen gun. Information was sent to the foundry and we signed a publicity release form. We will need to take photos and send them to Pomeroy and also notify them three weeks in advance if we do a dedication.

The new website is coming along well. It is now accessible though not completely finished. Everyone is encouraged to check it out.

Karen reported that we now have 20 volunteers for the Ironman. We could use a few more in case anyone drops out.

The town completed the installation of the UV light covers in the WHS space at the Community Center.

Karen wrote to Justin Lowry, PhD in archaeology and anthropology about the arrowhead that was recently found. He replied that it is made of obsidian but he cannot give further information because he would need the soil from the location where it was found. The general location was the base of Whiteface Mountain and there was an Indian encampment at the location.

The town is still planning the 200th anniversary celebration. It was suggested that the town should create some type of souvenir for the occasion, perhaps a mug.

Our new phone was registered yesterday and we are ready to roll over to a new plan August 1st. Merri Peck will chair the next meeting on August 4th,

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Cressey
Secretary