

Wilmington Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 2021
Wilmington Preston Festival Field Pavilion

Attendees

Karen Peters
Susan Albert
Judy Lawrence
Gil Dyke
Linda Joss-Dyke
Guy Stephenson

Karen Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There is no open discussion for this meeting. Note: Due to Covid-19 and the rise in the Delta variant, Open discussions are postponed until further notice.

The minutes of the July 7th meeting were read. Guy Stephenson moved to accept the minutes as read. Judy Lawrence seconded his motion and it carried unanimously. There are no minutes of the August 4th meeting since there was no quorum.

Susan Albert presented the July and August treasurer's reports. Our operating account bank balances as of July 31st was \$10,602, down \$5, 733.92 because of transfers to the WHS Keegan Money Market building account. **Balances as of July 31st are as follows:**

Operating Account	\$10,746.55
Building Transfer Fund Account	128.00
Zachay Memorial Account	2,000.00
Keegan Memorial Building Construction Fund	143,984.01
Petty Cash Fund	100.00
Adirondack Foundation Account	\$57,168.47

For July, receipts of \$2,402 included a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation, \$1,125 in BCF donations made through our Facebook Fundraising account. Disbursements totaled \$8,104 including Whiskey Run proceeds totaling \$6,500 plus an additional \$1,022 in Building Fund donations transferred to the Keegan MM building account. In addition, other proceeds included membership, Gift Card Basket Raffle and sales. The increase in the Keegan MM account came from Whiskey Run proceeds of \$6,500, additional BCF donations totaling \$1,263, and an additional match from Dennis Keegan on Whiskey Run proceeds and donations, plus interest. Gil moved to accept the July treasurer's report and Judy seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Our operating account bank balances as of August 31st was \$9,436.95. down \$5, 733.92 because of transfers to the WHS Keegan Money Market building account. **Balances as of July 31st are as follows:**

Operating Account	\$9,436.95
Building Transfer Fund Account	128.00
Zachay Memorial Account	2,000.00
Keegan Memorial Building Construction Fund	138,255.97
NEW- Mountain Valley Federal Credit Union savings acct.	100.00
NEW-Mountain Valley Federal Credit Union 12 mo., CD (@ 0.50% interest)	6,500.00
Petty Cash Fund	100.00
Adirondack Foundation Account	\$54,968.47

For August, receipts include Gift Card Basket Raffle tickets, membership dues and money from AmazonSmile rewards. Disbursements of \$1,482 including \$1,125 in building fund donations from our Facebook Fundraising transferred to the Keegan MM account, \$100 to Mountain Valley Federal Credit Union to open our savings account, \$89 for a webinar attended by Susan through Grant Station, annual dues to the Whiteface Visitors Bureau, office supplies, phone and PayPal fees. The decrease in the Keegan MM account of \$5,728 reflects the opening of a new account at Mountain Valley Federal Credit Union with our \$6,500 in Whiskey Run Proceeds, plus an additional progress payment of \$425 to Architectural & Engineering Design Associates, and partially offset by increases from our long-awaited 2020-2021 Facebook Funding donations, other annual appeal donations and our monthly interest income. Note: Susan Albert

attended a webinar detailing how to account for professional services that are pro-bono, Note#2: Our 2020-21 Annual appeal has received \$16,188.69 to date. Guy moved to accept the August report and Judy seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pay Pal notified the WHS that rates will be restructured in August. Susan handed out a summary of the changes.

Communications:

The following thank-you letters received:

- From the Wilmington Fire Department for our WHS donation

The following thank-you letters were sent:

- To the Riverside Thrift Shop for their donation to our building fund
- To the Wilmington Town staff who installed the UV light filters in the WHS Community Center space
- To Dennis Keegan for matching funds for our Building Account
- Clinton County Historical Society for a copy of the North Pole News form July 1950 and letterheads from the Whiteface Mountain House
- To Rarilee Conway for photos sent to us

An email was received from Al Armstrong expressing concern about the Festival of Colors being held on September 11th, a day that should be a remembrance. Karen responded with information about the many remembrance activities planned on that day at the Festival of Colors. Karen sent out reminders to the WHS email list about the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center lectures, especially about their anniversary presentation which included photos & information assistance from the Wilmington Historical Society. Karen sent out an email thanking the attendees of our Historical Walking Tour and received some nice comments in return regarding the tour. WHS was asked by Pastor Chrys of the Methodist Church, to provide assistance at Jay Day--- while we were unable to provide a person to assist, we were able to lend our “old-fashioned toys” for the day to enhance the church booth activities for children there, as well as historical photos of the Jay Methodist Church for display.

Acquisitions and Research:

Rarilee Conway gave us digital copies of photos of our Wilmington Historical Walking Tour.

The Wilmington Historical Society is now open by appointment and had 4 in-person researchers this month.

Programs & Publications:

Open Discussions are postponed until further notice due to Covid-19 and the Delta variant.

The WHS contributed to the Wilmington Town Newsletter in July.

The Wilmington Historical Walking Tour on August 19th-- had 12 people in attendance, with many good comments, even though we had to walk in the rain.

Festival of Colors is on Saturday, September 11th, 10am -5pm. We will have Square for our electronic devices to be able to accept donations and purchases electronically. Set-up will be 7:15-9:30am with the start of the Festival at 10:00 am.

Laurie and Guy will assist with WHS set-up beginning at 8:00am. Judy will be available for the day. New this year is a vendor decoration contest.

The Legends and Lore Cannon Prank sign program and dedication will be held at 2pm at Wilmington’s Recreation Park on Park Road on Sunday, October 3rd.

Tyler Merriam of the AuSable River Association would like to work out an historical tour of the AuSable River in Wilmington.

Membership & Nominations:

NO report due to Nancy Cressey’s absence. Reminder membership letter will be going out soon.

Old business:

Fundraising: Gift Card Basket Raffle drawing to be held at Festival of Colors on September 11th. We will charge for Whiskey Run shirts at the Festival.

Our new WHS website is not yet complete but is online and working well. New items will be added as time permits.

Essex County Arts Council (CAP Grant) would like photos. Dave Ruch, the musician who recorded the music “The Stolen Gun” and “Crockeryware” will send photos of himself recording the songs.

UV covers are installed in the Wilmington Historical Society space to protect our holdings. We appreciate the work of the town employees who made it happen.

An arrowhead was found near the base of Whiteface Mountain and was donated to the Wilmington Historical Society, but after consulting an archeologist at SUNY Plattsburgh, there seems to be no way to verify the find without the soil that was found with it. We will check further, perhaps with the Six Nations Museum in Onchiota will know more about it. Planning for the 200th anniversary of the Town of Wilmington is still a work in progress. We have not yet received our check from Ironman for the Volunteerism Grant, so Karen will investigate it further. The Whiteface Region Rebranding Committee continues to meet and is working on an updated plan for the region. Karen completed and sent in online the 2020 New York State Annual Report in mid-July.

New business:

New WHS phone was activated on September 1st (today), with the same phone number (518-420-8370).

The new Pomeroy Grant application for historical markers (NOT Legends & Lore) is due September 13th, but upon looking at the application, much research needs to be documented so would be a good project to work on, so we can be prepared to do so next year 2022.

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm, seconded by Guy, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gil Dyke, in the absence of Nancy Cressey