

Wales Historical Commission
Wales, Massachusetts 01081

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: 3 Main Street, Old Town Hall First Floor Museum

Present: Rebecca (Becky) Smith, Lynn Greene, Therisa (Terry) Tringali, Robyn Chrabasz, Rod Kincaid;
Public - Ann Chrabasz, Ella Gregory

Members Absent: None.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM.

Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from the 6/9/2021. Motion made by Chrabasz, seconded by Kincaid. All in favor, Greene and Tringali abstain (not at meeting). Motion Passed

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Debrief from Olde Home Day 2021: Museum opening was a success. Everyone pitched in for cleaning, getting painting and other maintenance items, including install of two mini-split units complete. It was also a teamwork effort to get the collection displayed, including items loaned from locals for display.

People are asking when it will open again. Discussion that perhaps on Veteran's Day or in association with the VFW events outside that the Commission members could open and staff the museum.

Binders are to return to the Library for safekeeping and to be accessible to the public in the Historical Room Collection.

Final details that need to be resolved are the quilt racks (arriving next week) and Tantasqua Electrical doing a few repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding opportunities: Group is not interested in lectures and presentations this year. In the future, perhaps we could team up with the Cemetery Commission for cemetery preservation workshops or other related preservation events. The Cultural Council applications are again open, deadline of October 15th. The Chair may submit for a grant. Discussed items such as storage cabinets for the museum.

Donations: The Commission has been approached by Bill Anair, who may consider donating an oversize historic "music box" that would need an enclosure of possibly 4 feet by 4 feet by 6 feet tall (to be determined).

Gatehouse: The Highway Dept has been looking to relocate the Lake George Gatehouse that was removed from the dam that is sitting in the Highway yard. Becky would like to have it moved back to the dam area, as close to its original location as possible.

Decorations: Group would like to setup the outdoor Christmas decorations like last year – wreaths and candles in the windows. There is not a significant Halloween presence in town this year, but perhaps next year.

MOTION: To adjourn made at 5:39pm. Motion made by Chrabaszcz, seconded by Smith. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Attachments/ Handouts: None.

DATE APPROVED: October 21, 2021

Approved