

## Kingston Historical Museum

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Kingston Community Library on January 21, 2016, 5:30 PM

Members present: Ruth Albert, Kathy Chase, and Gladys Ray

Friends present: Bob Bean, Jane Christie, Lesley Hume, and Walt Roy

Ruth called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and gave an update on the budget to be presented to the Town Budget Committee. She announced that the deliberative session is on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM,

The budget is as follows:

Office supplies:	\$600.00
Computer software:	\$250.00
Seminar/training:	\$50.00
Internet:	\$960.00
Past Perfect/Computer support:	\$432.00
Archival supplies:	\$800.00
Contracted services:	\$1440.00

The selectmen placed the following operational expenses in the town (building) budget:

Heat:	\$580.00
Electricity:	\$2400.00
Telephone:	\$1140.00
Security Alarm:	\$400.00
Building maintenance:	\$1,000.00

Oral History Project:

Jane reported that she recorded Betty Stevens telling the history of the Stevens' Farm. The recording took place on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Halcyon and Jane attended a video showing of a local oral history project at the Haverhill Public Library on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a good model of what the Kingston Museum could do. It is an excellent video of interview/stories, Jane said.

A Name for the Museum Complex (and related issues):

The committee members present voted to name the complex of buildings the *Kingston Historical Museum*, mainly with the purpose to avoid confusion and have an easily recognizable name.

Kathy suggested that the committee evaluate the need for signs – one for the complex, and one for the Firehouse. All agreed that the signs should match the ones that are presently on the individual buildings – The Grace Daley Barn, The Cobbler Shop, The Tramp House, and (the front of) the Fire House.

Bob stated that there is a need to graphically show the relationship among all the organizations within the Kingston Historical Museum.

Example:

The Kingston Historical Museum Committee -	its function
The Friends of the K H Museum Committee -	“ “
The buildings/the complex	

Ruth said she would ask Stacey Moyer if she would be interested in creating a graphic.

#### Update on Fall Work- Maintenance:

Ruth reported that the “Fabulous Four” worked hard this fall, repairing the Ell of the Grace Daley Barn. Bob said that they did the following: jacked up the building; replaced a section of rotted sill; dropped the section back down; stripped off old roof materials; placed new sheathing on the roof; and new shingles. Walt said that the Ell is now water-tight and is being used as storage space.

Ruth also reported that the archivist, Cynthia Swank, has accomplished a lot. She and the volunteers have done the following: physical sorting and naming of items; and packaging, sorting, and identifying of glass slides. She will train four (4) volunteers in how to create and update *finding aids* for boxes, etc.

#### Other news:

Ralph Dutton of Exeter Decorating donated linoleum pieces for the basement floor of the Nichols Memorial Library. The basement level is being turned into a working area; it’s a work in progress.

#### Treasurer’s Report:

Gladys reported that at the end of the year, December 31, 2015, the checking account had \$2,153.09. The CDS were \$8,786.27 and \$6,575.40. One was cashed out at \$8, 796.50 and is in this year’s checking account. It was cashed out on January 14, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chase

