March 22, 2017

10:02 m at CH Cary Mead Room

Present: Roland and Wilma Garland, Nancy Kelley, Brendan Laffey, John Hopper, Karen Ponton, Palmer Smith, Connie Manville Johnson

John Hopper will take the place of Ingrid Smith as Auditor

Change of dues accepted from $10 - $15 accepted.

Brendan Laffey was present for the Treasurers Report as of Feb 28, 2017

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Donations - $3627.00

Belknap College Donations - $675.00

Town $1,000.00

Everyone else $1952.00

- One person donated $300, 6 people donated $100.00: the balance came from 35 members.

42 people donated with dues. We received $145 in dues for 2016.

We received $210 in 2017 from 14 members

100 life members had no interest, and did not respond to our letter of inquiry. They donated nothing.

As Brendan indicated before there seems to be very little interest in the Society.

Brendan Laffey gave his notes to John Hopper, who is the new auditor, in place of Ingrid Smith.

Connie motioned to accept Brendan’s report, passed unanimously.

Fifteen BC alumni came to the museum last fall, in October. They brought artifacts they would like us to preserve. They plan to come twice in 2017. Gail Metcalfe is working to get dues from the Belknap College Alumni.
The town of Center Harbor applied for the school house to be recognized in the register of NH Register of Historic Places. We have a plaque, paid by the Heritage Commission to be placed on the outside of the CHHS Museum. The Heritage Commission paid for the plaque we have now to place on the Schoolhouse Museum.

We had another discussion concerning the town’s responsibilities vs ours. Since they own the building, the Town of Center Harbor is responsible for major repairs and major maintenance inside the building. We need to get permission from the Selectmen to do an interior painting, plaster repair or to hang a large item like the Belknap College sign that could damage the buildings historic plaster walls.

Our flier was printed by JD Designs, work for the flier was done by Karen Ponton. An excellent job by both.

Inserts were put in the fliers, regarding the boathouse on the Center Harbor beach. It has been sitting idly by each summer, only used once in the last 60 years for a building to demonstrate a new foam treatment for fighting fires. Roland is researching what he can find on this Boathouse.

Dates still open for greeters on Saturday’s in July & August – July 21, August 5 & August 26

We decided that we should keep the power on all the time during our open months, so the nights of our programs the refrigerator will be cold when we arrive. “Town pays the electric bill”.

Robert Huckins from Bonsall, CA, sent lithographs of Lake Winnipesaukee. The lithographs were done by George Virtue. We voted to accept this gift by Roland, second by Nancy Kelley, passed unanimously.

CHHS received an empty envelope dated 1891, from Robert Poss of Gastonia, NC. The envelope was addressed to Robert Ford, at the NH Home Missionaries Society. It was sent to the NH Historical Society, and forwarded to us. Motion to accept to CHHS by Brendan, second by Roland.

Roland has an advertisement for a music score called “Center Harbor Holiday”, performed by the NH Music Festival in 1997. Music was written by the director of the NH Music Festival at that time, Thomas Nee. Roland has contacted Carlos, the Town band director, about playing this piece on its 20th anniversary during the Jul 4th celebration, 2017 band concert. The actual music is in Missouri.

The ongoing project to preserve the building – Painting was done on the outside of the building last fall. Now we may have problem with the old well. We have a leak and rust in the water. The town needs to address this problem up to the shut-off valves inside the building. Roland will work up an work request to address this problem, the town will get 3 estimates and can hire the job to someone of their choosing.

We need new ideas to showcase the things we have. How can we best do that, so people will be interested in looking around more.

Out next E-Board meeting is May 17th, 10am at the schoolhouse. We will open the Schoolhouse on April 20 at 9am. Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning. Our first program will be April 27, 2017, at 7pm. Adjourned 12:30pm by Karen, 2nd Connie, passed unanimously.

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