

## ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES NOVEMBER 10TH, 2025

**Present:** Kathi Bradt, Jim Neidert, Lindley Hanson, Lorrie Ingoldsby, Rick Koester, Mark Mulhern, Alison Ferrell, Marianne Nevelson, Janet Slocum, and Helen Frink

**Minutes of October 13th, 2025** were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance: \$44,007.25; that includes a reimbursement from the Store for part of the cost of the generator, donations, and rent payments received. Expenses were from the accountant (filing of 2024 tax returns), mowing, and a donation to the Hood museum. We approved payment of an invoice from Bret Lord for \$10,450, half the cost of replacing the Store roof. \$7,000 of that amount will be paid from 1772 Foundation grant funds. We'll receive the remaining \$3,000 in 1772 Foundation grant funds when the work is finished. Our actual balance, minus funding commitments, is \$29,007.

**Board Membership:** Our accountant recommends we have 5 members. The 4 Board members now are the officers: Kathi, Helen, Lillie, and Alison. Marianne Nevelson and Lorrie Ingoldsby agreed to be named as Board members at large.

**Village Store updates:** Alison will call the oil company about cleaning the furnace, date of service to be coordinated with Ann Kosa and/or Jim Neidert. Helen noted that a maintenance schedule is included in our LCHIP application. They require an annual building monitoring report.

Janet Slocum spoke about creating a pollinator garden behind the store. Four Conservation Commission members will work on this project that will include publicity, labeling plants, a seed swap, and encouraging schoolchildren to visit.

Garden plots are 10' by 20', or double plots, 20' x 20' are available.

Lorrie Ingoldsby and Rick Koester continue clean-up and brush clearing around the barn and in the area behind the Store. Lorrie is making space for a cornhole game.

Jim Neidert reminded people not to drive on the septic system's leach field.

**Acquisitions/ Donations** Helen circulated recent donations: a ceramic toothpick holder from descendants of Benjamin Parker Chapman; a 1907 Board of Trade brochure, and an autograph album of Gertrude G. Cummings. We plan to exhibit some items in the glass-fronted cabinet in the book sale room of the town hall. Kathi will speak to Charlotte Comeau about changing the current display there. We should review an inventory Charlotte's office of historical artifacts stored in the town hall attic that are not currently on display.

**Beehives:** Kathi reported that Selectmen discussed acquiring a 10-acre parcel donated by descendants of the J. Griffiths Barry family, long-time owners who live in Massachusetts. To pay the estimated \$5,000 cost of surveying the parcel, an article in the town meeting warrant will ask voters to approve a town contribution of \$2,500, with remaining funds being solicited from the Acworth Community Charitable Trust.

**Events** January 11<sup>th</sup>, Pat McCabe (Lempster): Dallin family in Acworth. We will plan this event at our December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Projects:** Janet Slocum volunteered to work with Helen to overlay Lots and Ranges onto Acworth's current road map and/or a topographic map. The resulting map would enable

homeowners or people curious about old cellar holes to trace the history of property ownership through the 1869 *History of Acworth* and could also be useful in researching old deeds.

Sestercentennial signs marking historic sites need to be refinished and set onto taller metal posts. We discussed possible volunteer help. Helen will circulate a list of those signs and their location.

#### Tickler List

- Collections Policy: What artifacts or documents, photos, diaries, letters should we accept? Where do we store things? Or exhibit them? Document provenance: where do things come from? What are we obligated to do with them?
- Garden Plot Rental Campground in back of the store??
- Strategic Plan
- Revise leases to reflect improvements (ex. Generator maintenance)