

## **ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES Monday, September 8,2025**

Attending: Liz Bascom, Lori Ingoldsby, Rick Koester, Kathi Bradt, Marianne Nevelson, Loretta Meserve, Lillie LeBlanc, Alva Grant, Helen Frink, Katy Haas, Claudia Istel.

Minutes of August Meeting accepted by consensus

### **Treasurer's Report:**

August 2025 Beginning Balance - \$44,351.98

Deposits - Store and Apt Rent - \$1,800

Donations (from the jar at our event) and Interest - \$86.20

Expenses - Mowing- \$195.00

Ending Balance - \$46,043.18

Of that Balance:

\$7K is from NH Alliance for roof (another \$3K is coming at end of project)

\$4K is from ACCT to apply as matching funds to roof project

\$4K is from individual donations earmarked as matching funds for store roof

-----> still need to raise \$2K matching donations to close out roof funding

So "active" balance is - \$31,043.18

### **Alison updates:**

- AHS donated \$5k to the store for the generator - paid last month
- We got a FREE account with Canva due to us being a non-profit. It's a nice tool to make posters/flyers. We are allowed multiple users ids. Let me know if someone is interested.

We got a note from the Preservation Alliance to renew our membership. We voted to pay \$65 for yearly membership so their newsletter can be mailed to board members. Alison will add addresses to their mailing list. Approved by consensus.

### **Village Store Updates**

The generator project has been completed. It runs every Monday at 10:30 am for a test. Ann has been working on final numbers. We got one more bill in for the test from Irving. Once she has the final numbers, she will send an email and return the overage to the Historical Society. Preliminary numbers show about \$1,300 +/-

Helen talked with Bret Lord and he will begin the store roof replacement the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November. He has back surgery in October, but can supervise his crew. Rick stated he is willing to serve on the committee to liaison with Bret along with Helen, Loretta and Kathi. Helen will approach Ann and/or Lindley about joining the committee.

### **Events**

Katy Haas's film, La Frontiere (Maine/Quebec borderland) will be on Sunday, October 5th-4 PM. Katy will ask Claudia if the church can lend a projector. Refreshments: Lillie and Ann will provide beignets and Helen will provide cider. Lillie will bring napkins and cups.

Publicity: Katy and Alison are working on posters, and they are planning to put them up in the region. Notices have been placed in the Community Newsletter, Helen will contact the Alstead, Unity and Lempster Historical Societies and post on [www.sugarriverregion.org](http://www.sugarriverregion.org). Alison will be responsible for posters.

## **Acquisitions**

Iron box from Hood Museum at Dartmouth has arrived. Helen has a collections policy from 2014 and will distribute it before our October meeting

## **Grants**

LCHIP visits the store Sept. 11, 10:15 to 11:15 am. (Kathi, Helen, Ann). Requested \$85,386 for paint, windows, chimney, ADA access, porch, move utilities from cellar; 1:1 match required, notification mid November. LCHIP may offer partial funding; priority is historic preservation.

LCHIP wants Stewardship funding and will ask how are we going to provide the matching funds. We need a capital campaign and a way to approach townspeople for larger donations.

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) pre-application asks for \$271,333. That would match LCHIP, plus fund insulation, propane heat, annex, and sprinkler in apartment. Total project cost is \$339,271. Sept. 22 full application opens; if we're eligible it's due Oct. 10. Sullivan County applicants only have to cover 20% of the fund matching. If the NBRC application is not approved, the capital campaign has two years to come up with the matching funds for LCHIP. Kathi suggested Alison and Helen co-chair the campaign.

**ACP – AHS communications, store building management team:** Loretta, Ann, and Lindley are liaisons between the Society and the Store. The store is hiring new help, good news. Helen suggested having a who's who posted on the store's website. The store is always looking for new help and volunteers. People could donate to wage support but that would not be tax-deductible. Rick wondered about the propane situation, and Helen reported we got a quote from Dead River for a new propane heater. The decision process is ongoing.

## **Other Items**

Claudia conversed with Pat McCabe, a relative of the Dallin family, who lived in the white house north of the Cemetery. She is willing to do a presentation here about Acworth history. Claudia will pursue this.

## **Tickler List**

Garden Plot Rental

Campground in back of the store

Strategic Plan

Collections policy

Revise leases to reflect improvements (ex. Generator maintenance)

Next meeting: Monday, October 13, 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:23 pm