

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
October 12. 2026 4:30 PM, TOWN HALL

Attending: Liz Bascom, Lindley Hanson, Kathi Bradt, Alison Ferrell, Ann Kosa, Lillie LeBlanc
Helen Frink, Rich Pimental, Lori Pimental, Marianne Nevelson, Alva Grant, Jim Neidert

Kathi called the meeting to order at 4:30

Minutes of September 14, 2026 Alison made small changes to acronyms, accepted

Treasurer's Report

Beginning September Balance -> \$120,218.81. Deposits of Rent, Interest and Donations -> \$1,224.00. Debits of Mowing, Septic and Utilities -> \$2,196.73. Ending Balance -> \$119,249.04

Alison suggested getting a short term CD, we approved investing in a \$50,000 CD for 6 months.

Savings Bank of Walpole will approve an unsecured line of credit (initially declined because of lack of flood insurance).

Donations from Laura Jean (Smith/Hall) Holt -Her mom Patti Smith grew up in Acworth, Grout Hill. As a child, Laura's brothers and her spent lots of time there, year round. She loves her memories of Acworth. The blanket and Library crock were from her mother. Lindley suggested including the items in a raffle sale. The Acworth Craft Fair is November 14th; might we have a table there? Helen said we need to inventory what we have. Kathi said copies of the town history could be displayed.

Genealogy inquiry: Facebook message from Lance Freeman - plans to be in the area Tuesday, 10/27. His ancestors were Ebenezer Spofford Grout and Zama Mindwell Keyes. He would like to talk with someone, and see what info we might have on his family. Alison will meet him at the library.

Village Store

Alison retrofitted a form for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, with attachments such as selectboard approval, project overview in the NBRC (Northern Border Regional Commission) application, large tax map, smaller shot of the tax map, architectural drawing of proposed annex. She will get to Charlotte and submit with a fee payment.

New walk-in cooler and Refrigeration Contract: Rich has a couple of different options. Three types of coolers with and without doors, no exact quotes as of yet. Doors on coolers would be more energy efficient but more expensive. The new coolers would replace the smaller, less efficient coolers. Jim mentioned the new cooler installations would open up floor space. Bret would be responsible for finish carpentry. New, more efficient coolers would save on electricity and cut down on air conditioning needs. The Pimentals will check out other jobs done by the technician (Skyline Refrigeration).

Rich also approached the topic of electric minisplits. Three units installed downstairs and one upstairs were quoted at \$21,000. Helen asked if the generator will power the minisplits in the case of an outage. Ann reassured her that it would be sufficient. This would not be a

replacement to the proposed propane main heating system. To be continued.

Lori mentioned Cara is looking into getting an electric car charger for the store. Kathi asked if we should pursue the minisplits with the time limit involved? Alison suggested we step back and look at the overall picture. Friday October 23rd at 4:30 the Building Committee will meet at the Store to discuss these issues (Kathi, Helen, Bret, Lindley, Rich and Lori, Rick Koester, Lorrie Ingoldsby).

Rich mentioned having a portapotty for events, like the Acworth Community Project November 14th Bonfire – (fire permit applied for.) Marianne suggested having the portapotty included in the rental policy. Should the facility rental fee be increased? Not at this time. Turnaround Barn Cleanout: dumpster maybe on November 6, Ann is waiting for confirmation.

The new road to the greenhouses is complete. Lori will move a picnic table to block the old road, but to allow a foot path.

Lori asked about snow plowing. She will check to see if Brian Gendron will be available.

Maintenance costs and Budget: Alison will incorporate operating costs and maintenance into the annual budget.

Acworth Beehives Project:

Surveyor Eric Peabody has not yet replied. Kathi and Helen have contacted him.

Meeting adjourned: 5:43 pm

Next meeting: November 9, 2026