

## ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June 8, 2026 4:30 PM, TOWN HALL

**Attending:** Mark Mulhearn, Judy Aron, Mike Aron, Kathi Bradt, Helen Frink, Liz Bascom, Lorrie Ingoldsby, Alison Ferrell, Lillie LeBlanc, Alva Grant, Lindley Hanson, Rick Koester, Greg Joly

**Minutes of May 11, 2026** Helen moved, Judy seconded, minutes accepted

### Treasurer's Report

May Beginning Balance - \$118,026.35 Payments of \$1,501.24 (accountant, consulting). Deposits of \$2,603.03 (rent, donation, interest). May Ending Balance - \$119,128.14

Total cash donations for project - \$90,850; includes \$27,500 in grants.

Approximately \$7,000 is needed for operations of the available \$28,000+ Balance.

### Business/Events

"Monadnock Aerial History Project," update - Alison has been in touch with the gentleman making the videos, and Jennifer Bland has alerted townspeople on Facebook about flying a drone in town. When a date has been set, she will follow through with alerting the town.

Revolutionary War Scavenger Hunt will include Acworth - To get information about a link to the state's map, visit <https://www.nhhistory.org/Educate/603-History-Hunt>. Two sites in town are listed.

DAR project to identify graves? Lindley is waiting for a response.

ACP: July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration- Mike Aron - Mike placed signs around town, the event will be 11 am to 3 pm on July 4<sup>th</sup> on the town common. Flags and pocket constitutions will be for sale. Claudia will host the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Mike and Judy are looking for an organization to grill food to add to the potluck planned. Vendors are lined up to sell crafts. The Women's Club will be holding a raffle. The ACCT will have a table and a slide show of past projects the ACCT sponsored. The church and town hall have been reserved in case of rain. Loretta Meserve has contacted vendors about renting booths (\$25 each). Alison can bring posters that were used for the Happy Hour two years ago. Mike is the point person for this event. The town history, *These Acworth Hills*, will be for sale. Helen also has old maps of Acworth to display.

Greg Joly: His father built the Wooden Mistress (on the foundation of the old clothespin factory). He brought a watercolor painting of the building and donated it to the AHS, also two framed woodcut prints advertising a town celebration. We accepted them with gratitude. Helen suggested displaying them at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Kathi will email a receipt form to him.

Church Supper - Will be discussed next meeting

Sharon Spaulding, author: Women Make History available August 15-17; August 21-27. Helen will contact her to set a date: August 16<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Blackout curtains should be used; Alison will investigate buying some. Lillie will provide refreshments.

### Village Store

NBRC Notice to Proceed, Building Contract; priorities, scheduling, procedures. We will need a building permit. Bret Lord gave a final total of \$322,356.48. Blanc and Bailey: Matt Blanc came up with an estimate of \$518,388.20. Kathi made a motion to accept Bret's bid, Lorrie seconded. All in favor. Construction will begin in August. Helen will contact the contractors.

Brush pile - We should contact the fire department about a burn permit. Mark volunteered to be there while it was burning if needed. Kathi suggested we wait until late fall/winter. All agreed.

**Publicity:** Community Newsletter - Helen would like to put a notice in the newsletter about the Store renovation project.

Brief discussion on the Valley Church - we are still interested in it - but as Kathi pointed out, it's up to the church as to what to do with it. Additionally, the Historical Society has a lot going on right now, and it needs to focus on the store project. Helen will list the church on the NH State Register of Historic Places.

Next meeting: July 13, 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:33 pm