

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGENDA

July 13, 2026 4:30 PM, TOWN HALL

Present - Lori Pimental, Liz Bascom, Alison Ferrell, Kathi Bradt, Marianne Nevelson, Rick Koester, Lorrie Ingoldsby, Lindley Hanson, Claudia Istel

Minutes of June 6, 2026 - Kathi moved, Alison seconded; minutes accepted.

Kathi received some old postcards from the Elsessers. We likely already have duplicates in our collection, and Kathi suggested we could hold a "sale" of the extras.

Treasurer's Report

Banking update:

- June ending balance: \$119,128.14
- Credits (rent, donations, interest): \$2,075.44
- Debits (oil, mowing, septic, grant consulting): \$2,121.60
- Ending balance: \$119,081.98

The septic company stated that we need new covers. Alison is working with them to get this scheduled.

Black-out curtains: Purchased from Amazon. The library used them for an event with good success. They will be stored in a box at the town hall.

Loan application: The bank will require flood insurance since the building is in a flood zone. Alison is coordinating with the insurance company.

We received a \$5,000 grant from the Madelaine G. von Weber Trust for improvements to the apartment.

We were turned down for the Sam P. Hunt grant; Helen will try again in the fall.

Website Inquiries

Alison has received two research requests via the website:

- The 1812 spotted fever epidemic
- The naming of Humphrey Hill and Chatterton Lake

She does not have the bandwidth to research these and will forward them to Helen.

Ken Burke (metal detecting) followed up about doing detecting work at the store. Alison will let him know AHS is still interested.

No update yet on the drone footage — Alison will follow up.

Other Business/Events

Church Supper — July 24th: Opportunity to update people on the Village Store project. Set-up between 5:00 and 5:15 PM. Potluck. No individual poster needed.

Sharon Spaulding, author of Women Make History — August 16, 4:00 PM: Alison to make a poster.

Village Store

- Waiting for work to begin — potentially August.
- Mountainside Mowing had some staffing constraints; things appear to be straightened out and mowing should get back on schedule.
- The store needs a clear way to know who to call when an issue arises — Alison will create a contacts document.
- Lori has contacted Liberty about rebates for replacing the walk-in cooler, which is currently very inefficient. There are rebates and interest-free financing options available. Lori is researching further and can check with Hemingway Farms for recommendations on food cooling equipment.
- Circuit breaker issue: Rich and Bret to discuss how the electrical work fits into the overall upgrade; this could be a high priority.
- HVAC plan: Lori raised questions about scope — does the plan include just heat, or A/C as well? It's difficult to get heat out of the building in the morning; an exhaust fan was discussed as one way to help pump air out. Worth looking into heat pumps/mini-splits. To be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- The driveway is essentially complete — thanks to Lorrei and Rick! There is barbed wire behind the store near the river that needs to be removed; brush in that area could also be cleared to improve access to the river. Adding to the tickler list to address after the major project (amount of fence line unconfirmed).

Next meeting: Monday, August 10th