

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
September 14, 2026 4:30 PM, TOWN HALL

Present: Kathi Bradt, Mark Mulhern, Lillie LeBlanc, Helen Frink, Alison Ferrell, Jim Neidert

Minutes of August 10, 2026 accepted

Treasurer's Report

Banking update:

- August starting balance: \$120,005.11
- Credits (rent, grant, interest): \$6,102.99
- Debits (insurance, mowing, generator maintenance, grant consulting): \$5,889.29
- Ending balance: \$120,218.81

Operating budget update - we have spent approximately 15k of our planned 23K budget. We have used 5.2K from "savings and donations" - will need another 2.8K. All going to plan!

Flood insurance quote: limit of 50k - premium is \$3,241 limit of 250k - premium is \$6,231

Flood Insurance: Helen noted places like Strawberry Bank are not buying flood insurance, because completely rebuilding would be impossible.

Helen mentioned \$308 was spent for a Store water heater valve replacement. Pimentals paid the bill; we should reimburse it.

We will not do a Capital campaign until the Spring.

Alison will follow up with the bank since the line of credit required flood insurance.

Preservation Alliance: Board membership is \$60 per year

Acworth Beehives Project:

MOA (Memorandum Of Agreement) with the property owner, we should send a thank you note. Alison will take care of this. Kathi wondered if we could put some info on our website? Helen would like to give a presentation on the structures from ancient Ireland, which are similar in build to the beehives. A community presentation could take place in the winter, possibly including Gail Golec and Lindley Hanson.

Surveyor and Costs: Eric Peabody would be a potential surveyor. Kathi will contact Rob Traver to help. Helen will apply to Acworth Community Charitable Trust to cover some of the costs.

South Acworth Church Helen has placed it on the NH State Register of Historic Places. A plaque is available. The Register makes the church eligible for a building assessment grant from the NH Preservation Alliance.

Village Store Helen's daughter Laura Wolf has drawn a detailed architectural rendering of the proposed renovations. Jim mentioned the electrical needs to be updated. Kathi mentioned the dismantling of the walk-in will be Bret Lord and Lori Pimental's responsibility. The selectboard meeting will take up our building permit application on September 21st; some items will be referred to the ZBA due to border issues.

Turnaround Barn (TAB) Cleanout: Rich will order the dumpster, and will handle the clean-up. Volunteers are needed. Helen mentioned Lindley found some historical items from the upstairs of the TAB. Rich will set the date. Alison will text him.

Maintenance costs AHS shares with Pimentals:

Generator: AHS

Range hood: Pimentals

Exhaust vent; needs twice yearly cleaning, \$750 each time: Pimentals

Septic pumping: AHS

Grease trap: Pimentals

Furnace maintenance: AHS

Fuel purchase. AHS

Propane: AHS including the cooking range and the generator

Oil: AHS

Fuel Scheduling: Both AHS and the Pimentals

Plowing: AHS

Mowing: AHS

Trash: Pimentals

We need an annual maintenance budget itemizing these costs

Events

Bonfire in November, craft fair is the same day uptown. Gary Baber (fire warden) has been contacted.

New Business: we received some old postcards from Glen Elsesser and anonymous.

The Pimentals are using the CAB (Community Aid Building), and are interested in purchasing the building. Helen is looking for places to display posters.

Kathi wondered if we should pay attention to the display in the meeting room in the town hall.

Next meeting: October 12, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: 5:12 pm