

## **Acworth Historical Society Minutes. October 14, 2024**

**Attending:** Alva Grant, Liz Bascom, Kathi Bradt, Marianne Nevelson, Lindley Hanson, Helen Frink, Ann Kosa, Lillie LeBlanc, Lorrie Ingoldsby, Rick Koester, Claudia Istel.

**Minutes:** Notes of the September 9th meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance \$27,075.13 Deposits \$1,133.09.  
Payments \$5,714.65 (including Insurance policy payment of \$5,584.65)  
Ending Balance \$22,493.57

It was noted insurance cost has risen, but a better rate was found by the insurance carrier. Lindley Hanson inquired about the carrier identity. Alison Ferrell (Treasurer) will be contacted for the information.

**Contact Person:** Ann Kosa has agreed to be the contact person for building responsibilities pertaining to the Village Store. Mary Lord (store manager) will provide a list of what the store requires. Rick Koester mentioned he would be available to build shelves, if needed.

**Store Plaque:** Helen Frink provided a picture of what the plaque for the NH State Register of Historic Places would look like. The thin metal version costs \$75, the bronze version costs \$850, but still requires state approval. Discussion is ongoing as to how to proceed.

**Turn Around Barn:** The surface has been scraped and primed on parts of two sides of the building. An email will be sent out when paint can be applied, weather permitting.

**Historic Building Assessment:** Helen Frink presented a comprehensive plan for bringing the Village Store up to compliance for flood resilience, ADA access, and Life Safety. A proposal from Ingram Construction will be coming through soon, detailing construction phases and costs. Helen laid out the time frame as follows: apply for grants from LCHIP in 2025, receive results in November. Construction could start in 2026, if we have the necessary matching funds in hand. Kathi Bradt mentioned wanting cost information, and time as a group to digest and plan. Both she and Helen want to hire local talent when possible. Discussion is ongoing.

**Fundraising:** Alison Ferrell reached out to Quality Mailing House in Claremont about a potential mailing for a fundraising appeal. The minimum amount of addresses in order to benefit from our non-profit status is 200. We currently have 161. Helen mentioned she could find the 39 needed addresses. Kathi wants to go ahead with hiring the company for a fee of \$375, which includes printing costs as well as mailing.

**Church Update:** it was noted in the September minutes that the Church-in- the-Valley and the Community Aid Building were not on the Register of Historic Places. Helen Frink mentioned that both buildings are eligible. Lillie LeBlanc will bring this up at the next Church Council meeting.

**Store Generator:** Ann Kosa presented a quote for \$14,835 for a new generator (including a new electric panel). She is getting several more quotes, and relayed that the store has \$9,000 for the

cost of the generator. Helen Frink agreed to research funding. It was agreed that the generator would become part of the store building, so therefore we would help fund this project.

Events: Local archeologist Gail Golec has been contacted to present a program on the development of cemetery monuments. This program is slated for some time this winter. She is willing to negotiate her fee of \$250. Lindley Hanson has agreed to present a program on the geology of our area in the summer of 2025.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 11 at 4:30 at the town hall.