

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 10, 2026 4:30 PM, TOWN HALL

Attending: Kathi Bradt, Lindley Hanson, Rob Traver, Helen Frink, Jim Neidert, Liz Bascom, Lillie LeBlanc, Alison Ferrell, Mark Goodwin, Ann Kosa, Rich Pimental, Lori Pimental, Rick Koester, Lorrie Ingoldsby, Claudia Istel, Deb Hinman

Minutes of July 13, 2026 accepted

Treasurer's Report

Banking update:

- July beginning balance: \$119,081.98
- Credits (rent, donations, interest): \$1,453.23
- Debits (propane): \$530.10
- Ending balance: \$120,005.11

Total project funds is approximately \$96K. Funds for 2026 remaining operating costs is approximately \$10K. Remaining "savings" is \$14K

When applying for a \$50,000 line of credit, we were told we need flood insurance. Alison is working on getting a quote.

Carole Wallace is interested in donating artifacts. She will come to the next meeting perhaps.

A request for parking behind the store came in. Lindley volunteered her land. Rick also volunteered.

Alison reached out to the drone operator, no response.

Also, she had no response from the septic company about tank lids.. Lori will call.

Other Business/Events- Sharon Spaulding, author: Women Make History August 16, 4 PM

Helen, Alison, and Kathi will set up at 3. Lillie will provide refreshments.

Acworth Beehives discussion

For more photos and information about similar structures visit the New England Antiquities Research Association website: www.neara.org

Kathi said two years ago we started this discussion, and Rob is abutting the bee hive property. The owner stated they were interested in donating the land the hives sit on. The land would need subdividing. The planning board could make an exception to accomplish this because it benefits the town. A survey will need to be done for around \$5,000. The AHS is a good candidate for ownership because we are a 501, and have experience owning the store. The transfer cannot take place until after the subdivision.

Are we willing to own the site? Alison asked if the piece of land has value. Kathi and Rob thought the land would encompass ten acres. It is currently in current use. It will show on the tax map numbered, and will be tax-exempt. Alison said when she meets with the tax accountant, the land will be listed as an asset, but not taxable.

Jim asked if the owners should be communicated with about acquiring the land. Kathi said yes, after we vote to proceed.

Claudia asked if the land is landlocked? Rob said it borders on a class six road. Kathi said it could be a buildable lot, if given up by the AHS. Helen mentioned that if the AHS was dissolved, the land would return to

the town. Kathi asked if there was a grant stream applying to monuments? Helen referred us to the ACCT, and solicitation.

Ann said the planning board would take two or more steps. Mark asked about zoning? Kathi said it wasn't about zoning, rather sub-division. Ann stated it was up to the planning board to decide. The owner will have to petition for a sub-division, Mark mentioned. Ann stated the current-use status will be transferred to the AHS. Rob stated the owners (Fishman, Barry) want to give the land to the town.

Helen moved that we vote to proceed to acquire the ten-acre beehive site and preserve it as a historic monument. Alison seconded. All approved. Kathi asked Helen if she would like to work on a memorandum of agreement to submit to the owner. Helen agreed. To be continued. Mark can create a conceptual map for Helen's use.

Village Store

Propane generator service: Ann stated the generator has been serviced. Also, there is an emergency button on the generator. The generator is up and running. The cost is approximately \$350 for annual maintenance.

Should we inventory what Store furnishings we are responsible for servicing? Fixtures like the generator, range and hood, and walk-in cooler that are permanently attached to the building should logically become an AHS responsibility. Maintenance costs should be part of our annual budget.

Rick asked if the store will be rewired, Helen said yes, including wiring for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This is the time to make the store liveable and sustainable.

Jim said the electrical problem has been plaguing the store for a long time, and is worried about the price of replacing the system. Lori is applying for a grant from two electric utilities. One is booked for years. The second only will apply to commercial assistance. NH Saves visited and took pictures.

A building committee will discuss Store rehab issues such as re-wiring and choosing a heat source (mini-splits (=heat pumps); propane heat. Volunteers to serve on the Building Committee: Rich Pimental, Rick Koester, Kathi Bradt, Ann Kosa, Lindley Hanson, Helen Frink. Meet Friday August 21 at the Store. Helen will contact Bret Lord to join us.

Point person for communicating Store issues to us. Alison stated she will create a phone tree. Lori said communication flows freely.

New Business: Ann said the ACP will have a bonfire on November 14 in back of the store,, and would like to have a craft fair the same day at the town hall. Mike Aron will contact Gary Baber (Fire Chief).

Alison asked about insurance. Ann said a burn permit would cover it. Kathi asked why there would be two locations. Ann said the event is in the early stages, and things could change, depending on the weather and number of vendors.

Also, the turn around barn has powder post beetles. Helen has the remedy, and will take care of the problem. Jim said the TAB needs a clean-up. Lori assured everyone the TAB would be taken care of.

Lori said the store had a trial pizza night with Jim's tutelage, and said it was a success. She noted that the Store is required to have illuminated exit signs.

Meeting adjourned: 5:33 pm

Next meeting: Monday, September 14 4:30 pm