

# Acworth Historical Society

Meeting Notes, May 13, 2024

Attending: Marianne Nevelson, Kathi Bradt, Jim Neidert, Lillie LeBlanc, Claudia Istel, Liz Bascom, Allison Ferrell, Mark Goodwin, Ann Kosa, Helen Frink.

**Outreach/Website:** Allison Ferrell is working on a website using the Go Daddy platform. Costs are \$152 for the first year and \$156 for the second, to be paid from the AHS account (Kathi Bradt, Treasurer). It was suggested that we aim to create two newsletters per year to be posted on the website. The Acworth Community Newsletter publishes what we submit and reaches many people who no longer live in town.

**Maps and signs:** Mark Goodwin created maps of old schoolhouses, mill sites, and early houses that can be posted on the website later. Looking for historic sites like the 13 old schoolhouse locations can be a fun search and walk. Signs for old schoolhouses and mill sites were created for the 2017 Sestercentennial. Some, like the old sign for the Methodist Church (Grange Hall) need to be cleaned, repaired, or replaced. Old Acworth maps were made in 1860 (Walling map) and 1892 (Hurd Map). They are available at cost from <https://www.old-maps.com/contact.htm> in Chesterfield, NH. Mark Goodwin will see if they're available elsewhere for free.

**Village Store:** Jim Neidert discussed septic problems at the Village Store where the tank was recently pumped. Electrician Will Starks is troubleshooting possible electrical problems that may have caused a back-up. Jim is still searching a company that can empty the grease trap/tank.

Septic tank maintenance and repair is a Historical Society expense, and the discussion led to the question of a building manager who would act as liaison between the Historical Society and the Acworth Community Project Board, assuming responsibility for managing repair and maintenance issues. Jim Neidert would like someone else to assume this role.

We also discussed cleaning out rubbish from the store's attic (old costumes, paper records, a few possibly historic artifacts) and from the barn. Jim Neidert and Mark Goodwin will see if the amount of trash that needs to be taken to the dump would fit in a pickup truck or trucks, or whether we need to hire a dumpster.

**Next Meeting:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM at the town hall. Let's discuss events or celebrations at that time that we could co-sponsor with the store, and a fundraising plan.

Our annual meeting will be held in July, when we elect officers and Board members, according to our bylaws.

Helen Frink