

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGENDA

April 13th, 2026 4:30 PM, TOWN HALL

Minutes of March 9th, 2026

Guest - Ken and Joyce Burke - Metal Detecting services

Treasurer's Report

Village Store

Lease with Pimental family signed April 4th!

No Smoking policy

Further discussion of using space behind the Store?

Grants and Fundraising

NBRC : Level of EPA review required; notification expected by April 17.

Match NBRC grant is now \$96,108 due to increased size of addition.

Funding requests pending: NH Charitable Foundation \$10,000 has been awarded: it funds larger addition with remaining funds to be used for apartment improvements. Requests pending: Claremont Savings Bank \$2,500, Hunt Foundation \$15,000

Acworth Community Charitable Trust \$4,000 application response expected May 1.

Line of Credit?

Other Business

"Monadnock Aerial History Project," - SEE PAGE 2 FOR EMAIL REQUEST

Programming

- A summer happy hour and a fall old house tour were proposed.
- An event featuring old maps and house histories — potentially involving Janet Slocum and Mark Goodwin — was suggested.
- The Humanities to Go program was mentioned as a way to bring guest speakers to the community.

Sharon Spaulding: Women who made history

Publicity: Community Newsletter

Tickler List from November minutes

- Collections Policy: What artifacts or documents, photos, diaries, letters should we accept? Where do we store things? Or exhibit them? Document provenance: where do things come from? What are we obligated to do with them?
- Garden Plot Rental Campground in back of the store??
- Strategic Plan

EMAIL REQUEST:

My name is Andri Kyrychok, and I am an FAA-certified commercial drone pilot based in Hillsborough.

I recently had the pleasure of flying over Acworth to document the stunning architecture and placement of your Congregational Church. After I posted the images and video, Charlotte Dobson reached out at the town office, who mentioned the town's need for aerial photography for next year's Town Report.

Connecting those two things sparked an idea that could solve the town's immediate need while providing a massive, free asset for the Historical Society's archives.

I am currently finalizing the groundwork for the "Monadnock Aerial History Project," an initiative to create high-resolution, low-altitude digital archives of our region's historic town centers. I just met with the leadership at Arts Alive! in Keene, and they are moving forward with fiscally sponsoring this project when it comes to the greater Monadnock/Southwest NH area. This status allows me to apply for state preservation grants (such as the Moose Plate program) to fully fund the documentation process.

Because of the town's pristine preservation I would love to designate Acworth as the **Pilot Community** for this grant application.

What this means for the Society: The state grant would cover my time, equipment, and editing. In return, the Historical Society would receive a permanent digital archive of 4K video and photography covering the church, the town center, and other historical assets you wish to target. You would also have the exact assets Charlotte needs for the Town Report cover (I will come back later in the year for foliage, all at absolutely zero cost to your operating budget or the town.

The Arts Alive! Board is voting to finalize my sponsorship on March 25th. To lock Acworth in as the pilot town on my application, I simply need a brief reply to this email stating that the Historical Society is interested in collaborating on this grant-funded project. The decision does not have to be made before the 25th.

Would you be open to serving as the pilot community for this?

Warm Regards,

Andri Kyrychok