

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

April 1, 2025 Acworth Town Hall

Attending: Kathi Bradt, Rick Koester, Lorrie Ingoldsby, Liz Bascom, Lillie LeBlanc, Alison Ferrell, and Helen Frink

Kathi Bradt opened the meeting at 4:00.

This was a special meeting called to process forms required for a grant application to the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC). Lillie LeBlanc moved that President Kathi Bradt be designated out "Authorizing Official" for the purpose of accepting federal grant funds and signing contracts. The motion was seconded by Lorrie Ingoldsby and passed unanimously. Kathi also signed a Certification for the same grant that verifies that no AHS Board Members are "declared ineligible or excluded from Covered Transactions by any Federal department or agency."

Helen Frink will submit the NBRC application for \$200,000 by April 12. A response will come by June 12th. The LCHIP application is due June 18th. Notification about the 1772 Foundation request, \$10,000 to replace the roof at the Village Store, is expected May 1st. An application to the Acworth Trust, \$4,000 toward match for roof has also been submitted. When we receive notice of any major grant award, we will begin to approach individual donors for help with funding required match amounts.

At the July 12 Car Show at the Village Store (an Acworth Trust Event) we will display a donations jar. Alison Ferrell volunteered to make an offer about matching gifts received there. It is also an opportunity to publicize Lindley Hanson's August 17th presentation on the Geology of South Acworth. There is no decision about our hosting one of the Church suppers this summer.

Website: Alison has created a place on our website for documents in support of the various grants Helen is requesting. The purpose is to enable grant evaluators to access things like the Village Store Historic Building Assessment and letters of support.

Other business: the Village Store's range hood has been cleaned by a professional company. AHS will pay the expense, since the fire suppression system is a fixture. We do not have a lease that specifies exactly what our responsibilities are. Rick Koester will supply a model lease that could be used for the store and for the apartment. He also volunteered to look at the basement to see how best to make it impervious to any future floods.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12th.