

Acworth Historical Society  
Minutes from November 11, 2024

Present: Kathi Bradt, Alison Ferrell, Ann Kosa, Lorrie Ingoldsby, Rick Koester, Carole Wallace, Alva Grant, Lindley Hanson, Helen Frink, Marianne Nevelson, Claudia Istel, Lillie LeBlanc

Minutes were approved from the October 19th meeting.

Alison Ferrell provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance:	\$22,493.57
Credits	2,200.57
Debits	1,812.20 (payment to Ciardelli Fuel, oil for Store)
Ending Balance	22,881.94

Alison also reported two correspondences: CC Lynch from Boulder, CO sent an antique jacket worn by Fannie Merrill and a note reminiscing about time spent on Grout Hill. The Historical Society has no space to keep such items. Helen Frink will explore donating it to the state Historical Society or elsewhere. Kim Varney Chandler sent a note offering to present a talk on Covered Bridges.

Ken Gagnon has taken windows from the Turn Around Barn; he is repairing them at no cost to the Historical Society.

The future ownership of the Valley Church and the Community Aid Building was discussed. Kathi Bradt noted that since the Historical Society is undertaking the renovation of the Village Store, we cannot also take responsibility for these buildings in the near future. A warrant article would be needed to bring up the question of town ownership at town meeting.

Ann Kosa is coordinating the generator project for the Village Store. She is waiting for more quotes pertaining to costs for purchasing the necessary propane tank as well as a generator, and installation. The Store has about \$9,000 for this purpose. To help cover costs, Kathi mentioned the

Historical Society could contribute \$5000. Helen is exploring possible grant funding from Mascoma Bank or elsewhere.

Helen is the point person for the Historic Building Assessment pertaining to the Village Store. The first priority is the building envelope: replacing the roof, building a concrete foundation wall to prevent flooding, providing ADA access, exterior paint, and window repair. Local craftspeople will be encouraged to participate. Also discussed was planning for the addition in back of the store; size, placement. Lindley Hanson suggested a modular storage unit or shed. This situation is ongoing. It was decided that the second floor apartment should remain a single unit. Kathi noted that we “appreciate the tenant” and would like to keep the status quo.

Alison and Helen are working on the Appeal Letter. They are hoping to mail it out before Thanksgiving.

Gail Golec will be contacted about presenting her talk with a target date in January. Helen will touch base with Charlotte Comeau to make sure the calendar date is open. It was agreed to pay the \$200 requested.

The owner of the Acworth Beehives wants to donate a small parcel of land immediately surrounding the site and put it into an easement. Everyone agreed that the town (not the Historical Society) should hold the easement. A hike to the Bee Hives hopefully will take place in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm

Next meeting date: December 9, 4:30 pm