

ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING NOTES

February 9th, 2026 4:30 PM, TOWN HALL

Attending: Kathi Bradt, Helen Frink, Alison Ferrell, Marianne Nevelson, Lori Ingoldsby, Rick Koester, Lindley Hanson, Rich Pimental, Lori Pimental, Liz Bascom, Mark Mulhern

Minutes of January 12, 2026 - Accepted

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning Balance 1/1/26: \$46,709.00
- Income (rent, donations, interest): \$26,685.62
- Expenses (oil, appeal mailing): \$2,693.90
- Ending Balance: \$70,700.72
- Total matching funds: \$42,200 (does not include SBW \$2,500, Putnam \$15,000)

We can apply for a line of credit with SBW. Approval granted for Alison to apply for the line of credit.

Village Store

We've reviewed the contract proposed by the Pimentals. After several updates, we plan to have a signing at our March meeting, with the lease starting April 1. The updated contract will be sent as an attachment to a small group of attendees.

No Smoking Policy - Our insurance company sent us a letter requesting that we create one. We will discuss at the next meeting, and Alison will bring the letter she received.

Lori Ingoldsby mentioned that she and Rick will continue to clean up the back area as part of the garden community. Lori mentioned potentially installing a fire pit back there and suggested corn hole instead of a horseshoe pit.

Rick will be donating a portion of land he purchased next door. He believes there are already two lots, so he would give a small section to the Historical Society. This will allow for a driveway on the east side of the turn-around barn to access the back area. This could be a charitable donation but not a matching donation.

The Pimentals have signed the marketing research document, which will satisfy \$20,800 worth of match.

There was a brief discussion about potentially displaying some Historical Society items in the store if there is room. This needs to be tabled for now.

Grants and Fundraising

- Mascoma Bank Foundation: Requested \$12,500, filed December 30, 2025. Still waiting to hear back, hopefully by the end of March.
- Funding requests submitted online in January:
 - Putnam Foundation: \$15,000 - Granted!
 - Timken Foundation: \$20,000 - No response yet
 - Claremont Savings Bank: \$2,500 - No response yet

- Byrne Foundation: \$2,000 letter request sent - Turned down
- Hunt Foundation: \$15,000 application due March 15
- Acworth Community Charitable Trust: \$4,000 application due April 1

NBRC Progress:

Building committee for the projects: Lindley, Rich, Rick, Helen, Kathi, and Brett. Friday afternoons work well. Meeting scheduled for 4:00 PM on Friday, 2/20, at the store.

By vote, we approved the submission of the Notice of Federal Interest document to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Waiting for NBRC to determine the level of EPA review required.

Other Items:

- Beehives: No response from owner to confirm offer to donate to town; no action feasible on survey at this time.
- There was a request from the Burkes of Alstead to join us at a meeting to discuss their metal detecting services. The group decided the April meeting would be a good time. Alison will communicate with them.

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