

## ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

March 10, 2025 4:30 pm

Acworth Town Hall

**Attending:** Loretta Meserve, Marianne Nevelson, Lindley Hanson, Kathi Bradt, Helen Frink, Rick Koester, Lori Ingoldsby, Liz Bascom, Lillie LeBlanc, Alison Ferrell, Mark Mulhern, Claudia Istel

Kathi Bradt opened the meeting at 4:30

Minutes of February 10th accepted

Treasurer's Report –

Opening Balance for February - \$31,826.79

Credits of donations, rent and interest - \$2,195.74

Debits of Oil, plowing, thank you cards & Fridge for apartment - \$2,423.35

Ending balance - \$31,599.18

Alison will take care of filing for our continued Non-profit status. Deadline is December 2025.

The historical society has committed \$5k to help the store with generator costs.

Village Store fire inspection costs \$1,050 pending

Furnace reset – any issues we should be aware of

Ann says the furnace should be cleaned, agreed

Kitchen floor patch is holding. Repairing a bit and adding tiles a little bit at a time. Helen talked with Mike Aron about laying mats on the floor. Not a viable option. At some point the floor will have to be redone.

Generator installation is ready to move forward. Fundraising has been successful.

Timing and placement for next month's agenda

Operating budget for 2025

Helen has what she needs for the time being.

Grant Applications

Submitted: 1772 Foundation request, \$10,000 to replace roof at Village Store; grant requires a 1:1 match; Bret Lord's quote for roof replacement is \$20,900 with 50-year asphalt shingles.

April 1 deadline to apply to Acworth Trust, \$4,000 toward match for roof

Northern Border Regional Commission Pre-application for flood resilience submitted online March 7. Request is \$200,000: federal money; our cost share would be 20%. Notification by March 31; final application due April 18<sup>th</sup>.

LCHIP information session **Historic Rehabilitation Grants Webinar- Friday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. Advance Registration is Required!**

To register for the Historic Rehabilitation Grants Webinar: Email [gborn@lchip.org](mailto:gborn@lchip.org). Please include "Historic Rehabilitation Webinar" in the subject line.

Helen believes roof replacement could start in May.

Event Planning: July 12 Car Show at the Village Store (Acworth Trust Event)

Alison volunteered to produce a flyer for the event. Kathi would like to use photographs from the Happy Hour.

June 7th Craft Show - a Village Store Event

Lindley Hanson to give a talk on August 17th on the Geology of South Acworth at the Town Hall: "Ancient Volcanoes, Deep Sea Sediments and Exotic Terrains." Lindley will generate a flyer.

Notes From the Dump. Helen will submit a snippet for the newsletter, and Alison will post on FB and the website.

Bylaws were revised back in August, and once Helen had reviewed them - felt comfortable with the Board positions. No need to revise.

Strategic Plan needs: Mission, Vision, Goals or Priorities, Strategy and Resources to achieve them Helen will submit a draft of what we need in time for our May meeting.

Website: Alison will be adding documents to the website (Village Store Historic Building Assessment; letters of support) in support of the various grants Helen is requesting.

Kathi mentioned the Store Garden. Is there anything needed? Lorrie would like to create a butterfly garden as part of the community gardens. She would like this to be permanent. She has had a lot of support and would like to create a plaque thanking the donors. Garden plots were discussed, and the school children were suggested as helpers. Kathi said we're here, and keep us posted as to how we can help.

Helen mentioned the store needs more storage space. How much space will be needed? It would be easier to add on to the rear addition proposed for the store rather than build a separate structure.

Next Meeting: April 14th

Meeting adjourned: 5:16 pm