

**ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
DECEMBER 8, 2025 4:30 PM ACWORTH TOWN HALL**

**Attending:** Ann Kosa, Helen Frink, Kathi Bradt, Lillie LeBlanc, Lori Ingoldsby

**Minutes of November 10, 2025** accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning November Balance: \$44,007.25

Credits: \$14,530.99 (rents, donations, interest)

Debit: \$11,176.55 (mowing, oil, Bret Lord work (only half))

Ending: \$47,361.69

Roof update - the remaining balance of \$10,450 has been paid to Bret Lord - just not reflected in the November numbers above.

Awaiting the \$3,000 remaining from roof grant. Once that is all settled, our working balance is \$39,911.69

### **Grants and Fundraising**

LCHIP rejection November 11 Helen and Kathi will discuss with LCHIP December 10  
Northern Border grant approved: amount \$268,311. We need matching funds of \$53,000. We need to vote on who will be the authorizing official. Kathi motioned to nominate Helen. Lillie seconded. All voted in favor. We also approved that Helen continue to apply for other grants. Helen approached the Putnam Foundation (who donated to Chase's Mill in Alstead)  
NH Charitable Foundation: Helen is going to have a virtual meeting with them on December 11.

**Fundraising Appeal Letter** needs revamping. Has to include the fact that we need \$53,000 matching funds. We have a year, but want to start ASAP. Alison provided a yearly budget. We agreed \$25,000-\$30,000 should be reserved for operating costs and yearly maintenance.

### **Village Store Updates:**

Roof replacement was finished Nov. 23. Bret Lord invoice for second half of work: \$10,450.

We'll get \$3,000 in 1772 grant funds after final report is received by NH Preservation Alliance.

Ann reported on a small project: an inexpensive rolled floor in the back room to cover a trip hazard. NBRC budget includes funds for flooring in kitchen and storeroom.

Ann held a staff meeting: providing direction in jobs. Ed Grant comes in to clean and help out every day so staff has more time for cooking.

Helen stated the grant provides a stipend for a store manager, and suggests visiting other small general stores in the area to compare profitability. Ann now spends about 60 hours a week working at the store. This discussion will be ongoing.

**South Acworth Church:** meeting held December 3rd – Kathi, Helen and Lori. The Preservation Alliance helps fund a building assessment that needs to be done. Helen stated the church should be on the Register of Historic Places to be eligible for building assessment grants.

Valley Church committee report will be a topic for February 4th church council meeting. Kathi said the Historical Society is willing to support the effort. Publicity about preserving the church will include the community newsletter, the Acworth Historical Society Facebook page and website, and the Acworth Facebook page.

**New Exhibit Space in Town Hall** There is a new cupboard in the library room, there are artifacts in the Charlotte's office, and labels need to be printed to fit 4 x 6" notecards.

**Events:** January 11, 2 PM. Pat McCabe (Lempster) Dallin family in Acworth. Emails will sort out details. Helen suggested changing the time to 3 pm, and will contact her. Kathi suggested we consider a tour of Acworth historic houses.

**Projects:** repair Sestercentennial signs marking historic sites. They were not well-made, and some have disintegrated. People are encouraged to refurbish signs.

Overlay lot and ranges onto topographic or road map? Janet Slocum

**Scavenger Hunt on Revolutionary War:** Invitation from NH Historical Society <[edubrulle@nhhistory.org](mailto:edubrulle@nhhistory.org)> American Revolution in Your Town: Suggestions for how your community may be able to participate:

1. Display an artifact related to New Hampshire's role in the Revolution - such as a powder horn, musket balls, a uniform, diary, or letter - in a location with regular open hours (like a town hall, library, or historical society). If extended hours aren't possible during the month of July, you might consider a window display.
2. Share the story of a Revolutionary War veteran or figure buried in a local cemetery. [*Lemuel Blood grave, Dean Gowen's field; Veterans Memorial Park Project*] Helen will get in touch and find out the next steps.

**Beehives:**

The Selectboard reached out to the owners, and have not heard back.

**Tickler List:**

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

Revise leases to reflect improvements (ex. Generator maintenance)

Meeting adjourned: 5:29 pm

Next meeting: Monday, January 12 at 4:30 pm