

Hartland Area Historical Society
Annual Meeting
May 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm.

Board members present included Hildy Foley, Bill McDevitt, Janet Frick, John Wiese, Mike Forster, Diana Wells and Shyrl Cone. Barbara Krueger and Margaret Melville were absent.

Janet Frick read the minutes from the annual meeting in May of 2012. Nadine Cloutier made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction, the addition of Shyrl Cone's name to board members present. Bill McDevitt seconded it. The motion carried.

Hildy said that there was no annual report from Barbara Krueger, Treasurer, as she was out of town. She then discussed the activities of the audit committee, chaired by Harold Winegarner, and including Pat Schleh and John Wiese. She then shared that the checking deposit to date was \$3,433.76 as of May 16, 2013 and the money market fund was \$15,502.88. She explained that the donation of \$4,000 from Sharon Hilquist had been earmarked for painting the exterior. The foundation on the north side of the building needs repair (estimates of \$2,000 - \$10,000 have come in, depending on the extent of repair done now). To do the repair, properly, more money needs to be raised. Last year we received approximately \$15,000 in donations. That was used to replace the front doors, replace the roof on the lower level, and install insulation and vents on the upper level as well as putting in appropriate storage for the collection. The foundation is the main concern now. We have to have the building painted, and we have \$4,000 toward that, but it will cost at least \$8,000.

Hildy thanked the audit committee for their work. She explained that our current interest rate with PNC Bank brings in very little interest, but John Wiese has found a program through GMAC that might bring more interest, because it is flexible. A minimum of \$1,000 is needed to open the account, and it's possible that the money for painting will be put into this account. This will be discussed at the June meeting.

Hildy introduced Bob Ruby, who, with Emma Winegarner, worked on revising the by-laws. She also thanked them for the work they did. Bob stated that there were three changes and that they were in the newsletter and then explained that the membership would have to vote on whether the by-laws would change, and that family memberships counted as one. We need 13 yeas to change the items in the by-laws. Bob then read the first change, regarding elimination of term limits. Nadine Cloutier asked why the change was being made, and Bill McDevitt addressed the question by explaining that there were not many people wishing to serve on the board. Discussion ensued, and the concern was brought forth that we may appear to be a closed group. Hildy pointed out that it was very difficult to find people willing to run for positions on the board. Bob brought the discussion to a close and ran the vote. The membership passed the proposal

with a vote of 13 yeas. Item 2 was a change of when non-board positions are appointed (genealogist, webmaster, curator, registrar, newsletter editor). The position of "caretaker" was brought up and discussed. The need for this change was questioned, as a position can be voted in or out or changed by the board at any time. This item did not pass. The last item was regarding when the annual meeting would be held. In the by-laws, it stated that the meeting would be held the first Thursday. The new item would state that the meeting would be held in May. The item passed unanimously. (Please see appropriate documentation for verbage.)

Hildy introduced and thanked Bob MacBride, the chairman of the Nominations Committee. He listed the candidates for Trustee positions, including John Denzer, John Ellis, John Wiese and Bill McDevitt. He shared some information about each candidate. Bob asked for nominations from the floor. Bob mentioned Jean Chafee, who could not be here but was interested in being nominated. Hildy asked again about nominations from the floor, and Bob closed nominations. Bob acknowledged Bob Ruby and Carolyn Lynch, who assisted in the nominations process, and he said there were 35-40 contacts made. Ballots were distributed to family and single memberships and voting commenced after clarification that there were three open spots.

While Diana Wells and Mike Forster counted the votes, Hildy thanked the board members for their help, specifically Bill McDevitt, Barbara Krueger and Mary _____ for keeping the museum throughout the year, the various committee members, and Mike Forster, Curator, and Emma Winegarner, Registrar, for all the work they've done, and Nadine Cloutier, for her work scanning photos. She then talked about Memorial Day. The museum would be open on Memorial Day from 10-3 and have an entry, the mail truck from Marshall, in the parade. There would be a work night on Thursday, May 23rd, to tend the gardens before the event. Nancy Nawrocki volunteered to help as part of her master gardening program. She asked if there were any questions.

Votes were counted and the final election results were announced by Bob Ruby as follows: Bill McDevitt, John Wiese and Hildy Foley. He then thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49.