

WOODSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2009
Palmer Hall, 7:00 P.M.

Present: President Gail White, Mary Ellen Blake, Linda Chase, Elaine Lachapelle, Tony Reed, Doug Zimmerman, Marilyn Pomeroy, Judy Hosmer, Pat Papini, Cheryl Wakely.

Absent: Nancy Gale

Guests: Earl and Bev Brazeal, Bill Brower

President Gail White called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. She announced that future meetings would be held on the third Thursday of each month.

Minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. Motion to approve by Mary Ellen Blake, Doug Zimmerman second.

A limited treasurer's report was presented by Gail White. The checkbook balance was \$1539.43 with \$1615.66 in bills to be paid. The Assistant Treasurer, Nancy Gale, is away for three weeks and Gail White hasn't signatory power at this time. It appears that no action was taken to close the ING account as agreed upon last Fall. Elaine Lachapelle made a motion to close that account immediately, Marilyn Pomeroy second. Pat will close the ING account and try to get an electronic transfer to the checking account. Meanwhile, Gail White will write checks for the current bills and ask Gale Garceau to sign them so the checks can be mailed before Nancy returns. Marilyn pointed out that we have a problem with overdue bills, and the group agreed that we need an interim treasurer to pay bills and provide reports. Pat will hold a Finance Committee meeting June 25th at 4:30 P.M.

It was noted that another action agreed upon last Fall had not been done, that of changing the internet connection. Earl Brazeal offered to cancel Charter and arrange to connect our internet service through AT&T.

Collections: Gail reported that Dave Boiven would be visiting next week for an update.

Buildings: Tony reported that it took 3 hours of work by the alarm company to find the bad wire which was causing false alarms. It will be monitored for two weeks to be sure the problem is solved.

Under the agreement we had with the Town, there is still 2000 gallons of heating oil reserved for our use. This can be carried over for the winter of 2009-2010.

J.V. Mechanical is reluctant to do a de-gritting of the water system as they think it needs replacing of all the iron piping to totally clear the clogging. The system must be re-piped to the furnace and the heat exchanger replaced before a filter can be installed. The ballpark cost would be \$6000. No action was taken at this time. Regarding the exterior lanterns on Palmer Hall, Webster Electric would charge \$300-400 per lantern, the same as the New Jersey company he contacted, with no guarantee that they would be "restored" per preservation standards. Marilyn will ask her friend in Maine for an estimate of cost for rewiring. The lanterns also need welding on the top panels to keep out water. Tony will ask Mike Saari about welding and get his advice.

Ray Paine was consulted about the Palmer Hall steps. There has been so much ice and water seepage that the steps need total repair. The steps are still structurally sound for now. Ray said all the bushes in front of

the building must be removed because they affect the steps. The Board agreed that it was OK for Tony to cut them. Also, Kit Sears has offered to trim the crabapple trees in that area. It was decided to let that work wait until Spring.

There is still water leaking through the roof in the passageway and Gail will ask Atty. St. Onge to write a letter to the roofer.

Exhibits: Linda reported that the "Living with Woodstock's Waters" exhibit was in place and ready for the Noren Gallery Dedication June 20th. She plans to display the award certificate for the barn exhibit in the Town Hall case. The Woodstock third-graders made their annual visit in May and were most impressed by the flood pictures.

Programs: Doug has arranged for a school bus to provide transportation for the "field trip" on June 28th. The paperwork for a 1-year movie certificate is ready to send in. He will pay the \$295. fee and be reimbursed with his program expenses. Marilyn Pomeroy will try to schedule entertainment programs in Palmer Hall for fund-raising. She will re-activate a committee to get curtains to control acoustics and light.

Publications: Cheryl announced that the talk for Walking Weekends will be the Woodstock Fair. It is scheduled for the first weekend in October.

The photo book group is meeting weekly this summer. Cheryl showed examples of the book dimensions. Elaine and Linda went to the New England Genealogy Library to check Henry Bowen's collection there and found photos we can use. Bev Brazeal, a member there, will help with research and copying. Gail White will check on photos at Historic New England.

Fundraising: Judy Hosmer turned in proceeds from the Reminiscing at Roseland Park event. Elaine Lachapelle turned in money from sales of T-shirts and sweatshirts sold from the gift shop. We need an inventory and price list for the gift shop as well as a way to keep track of items. Elaine will check with Hope Fitz-Tinker or Judy Gilliland for that.

Gail reported that the final copy of the lease for the Roseland Cottage property has gone to Historic New England.

Garden Party & Annual Fund Drive: Bev has secured Cecilia Bray as the bartender and has hired the harp and flute musicians at their 2004 rate of \$1000. She plans a mass mailing for late July. We will have a tent on the lawn for the music and food. She is checking with the Grange for use of their approved kitchen. We may also be able to tie our event in with the Arboretum.

Earl Brazeal secured a new copier which will do around 1000 copies/month and has inexpensive ink cartridges. Thanks, Earl! He said we should consider replacing our oldest computer soon. Marilyn will ask Stewart Morse if his company is replacing their computers since he was able to get us two previously.

Elaine Lachapelle showed a Woodstock throw and a linen calendar as possible fund-raiser items we might use for Woodstock's 325th Anniversary.

Mary Ellen Blake moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M., Linda Chase second.
Meeting Adjourned.

Judith T. Hosmer
Recording Secretary

