

February 6, 2008

LOUDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Attended:

Michele York
Bob Ordway
Galen Beale
Peter Bartlett
Ron Lane
Betty Frost
Henry Frost
Dick Malfait
Charlee Bratko
Kristen Bratko
Fay Atkinson

Minutes from 1/2/08 reviewed and approved.
Next Director's meeting is 2/18 at 7pm
Next General meeting is March 5th, 7pm

Galen Beale will be added to the e-mail list of directors as she is helping out with the Curator responsibilities.

Ron Lane read his submission on the Historical Society for the Town Report. Discussed the positive outcome of the Budget Hearings. The Selectmen approved a \$2500 budget for the HS.

Ron reported that he has been told the phone line at Charlie's Barn will be dedicated to the Historical Society since we need a phone and it currently has no other use. He will explore the addition of a voice mail box for that line.

There was discussion about NHIS having many computers that are being donated to other entities around town. Ron suggested that Cynthia draft a letter to the former owner of NHIS to inquire as to the possibility of getting one of those computers for the HS.

Galen Beale presented photos of the repair work on the Freewill Baptist Church as it was in progress.

Reverend Henry and Betty Frost donated the original key to the Freewill Baptist church that was in use from 1845-2005. He reported that a replacement for that key cost approximately \$125. The Church now has a modern key. There was discussion that some residents in town may have a lot more old photos and documentation of the Town Hall/Church.

Kristen Bratko joined the HS and has offered to help with research on the Town History. She has a Bachelor's Degree in History and was raised in Loudon. Ron, Michele, Cynthia and Kristen planned a meeting for 2/9 at the HS to discuss how we might begin our research.

Fay Atkinson presented information regarding her investigation into the documentation of the cemeteries. She stated that the NH Historical Society has a book that documents Loudon Cemeteries but she is not able to access it without a membership.

Cynthia reported that the Tiger Cubs of pack 247 toured the HS. There has been a request from the Wolves' Den for a tour as well.

Cynthia also reported that she was contacted by Meg Heckman of the Concord Monitor regarding a short article about the LHS and what we've been up to. The group approved the interview. Cynthia will call Ms. Heckman back and move forward with it.

Ron suggested that we set up a display for the Town Meeting on March 8th. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Babonis
LHS Secretary