

The Loudon Historical Society meeting was held February 01, 2017 7:00 pm

Attendees: Michele York, Stanley Prescott, Andrew Parrella, Carolyn Stinson, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, Cyndi Babonis and Lucy Gordon

Guest Speaker: Bob Scarponi, Canterbury Historical Society

The minutes from the November meeting were read. One correction was made. Michele made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Dustin second the motion. The revised minutes are posted on the Town website.

The Historical Societies report for the Town report has been sent in to the Town. All HS members had a chance to review and make corrections via e-mail.

Michele and Andrew are actively recording Oral Histories. Our guest speaker confirmed the importance of the histories. Roger Maxfield made a suggestion of other Townspeople that should have an Oral history recorded. Michele recorded Peter Bartlett. He was the past curator of the H.S. A suggestion was made that Ashley and Peter get together for a "idea" session about curating.

Our guest speaker was a wealth of information about writing the Town history. Bob Scarponi is the President of the Canterbury Historical Society. Canterbury had a previous history written by James Lyford. It was from 1727 – 1912. The Canterbury HS wanted to bring the history up-to-date. CHS (Canterbury Historical Society) contacted the New Hampshire Humanities Counsel. The Counsel suggested CHS contact Randell Press. One of Randell Press specialties is to aid Towns in writing their history. Mr. Scarponi told us one of the first things we need to do is get a budget. We also need a strategic plan. CHS had a Book Committee and a Finance Committee. These committees were not members of the Historical Society but they were Towns people interested in helping to get the history written. The book was started in October of 2014. It will be for sale in June of 2017. It cost more than \$86,000 to write. They will print 500 books with 550 pages and 175 photo's. The books will sell for \$40.

A person from Randell Press sat in on the Oral histories, to start to learn about the town. She asked about and reviewed genealogies of the Towns people. She researched information about significant events in town. There are many things that can and should go in a history and things that will be left out. That is why an "outsider" is best to write the history as they will not have the emotional attachment to any subject or person that is added or left out.

Mr. Scarponi suggested LHS look into getting a 501c(3) status for obtaining tax deductible donations. He also suggested we look into getting computer software called PastPerfect. This is software that is used by many Museums. This will aid us in our organization. It will help us to know what we have in our museum, where it is displayed. Or what we have archived and where that is stored.

Loudon is making the first steps into getting our first History of the Town written!

Our next meeting will be March 01, 2017. The museum is open the second Sunday of every month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Gordon