

# **Minutes of the Loudon Historical Society**

**December 5, 2007**

Present: Ron Lane, Michele York, Melanie Kiley, Cyndi Babonis, Linda Hunton, Bob Ordway, Patrick Kiley, Henry Frost, Betty Frost, Retta Weaver, Muriel Burr, Fay Atkinson

Ron Lane opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The reading of the minutes were postponed and will be read at the next meeting.

Cyndi said that the tour of the Sanborn Mill will be planned for next spring. She also has the name of a person who is doing the history of Concord Hospital. The person is from Loudon and may be a potential writer for our town history.

Michele has looked up the publishers of other towns' histories and has information on several of them.

Cyndi suggested asking the publishers for the names of authors.

Ron spoke to someone about the history of Bow, which was written by people in town. We could look into their publishers.

This information gives us some good leads to pursue in finding an author. Cyndi will ask the person she knows about the process and cost.

It was mentioned that a lot of Loudon's early history is in the history of Canterbury.

Retta mentioned a speech that was given during the US Centennial that tells a lot about Loudon's history. She will try to find a copy. She also stated that many of Loudon's early meetings are in the state archives.

Michele mentioned again the possibility of selling town calendars as a fundraiser for the Society, such as those that we remember as kids. This brought up many other ideas for fundraising. Cyndi suggested that we try whenever possible to coordinate any fundraising projects with other projects we are doing.

It was mentioned again that we need to make sure we get permission from the people we do oral histories on before we use their photos or voices for anything.

Cyndi brought five copies of Listen to the Crickets, by Ruth Sanborn King, to keep at the Historical Society. We discussed giving one to the Maxfield Public Library if they don't already have one.

Ron thanked Henry Frost for donating the old sounding board from the Freewill Baptist Church to the Historical Society. This sounding board is made of chestnut and acted as an amplifier. It was given to Henry by Ruth Sanborn King.

Ron told everyone that Galen Beale was in our building with Peter Bartlett, and gave him some recommendations of what to do with some of our artifacts. We will have copies of those recommendations at the next meeting. She would like to help with the curator position.

Fay Atkinson introduced herself to the other members. She has done a lot of work with genealogies and is interested in helping to photograph and document the cemeteries. Her daughter is interested in helping with oral histories. Muriel stated that she also has done a lot of work in genealogy.

Bob explained that the cemeteries project would include documenting and photographing all of the information on the stones and inputting that data into the computer, as well as researching to find out who is buried in each cemetery.

The general meeting was adjourned and everyone broke into committees to discuss the next steps to take in the various projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hunton