

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held December 06, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees: Michele York, Stan Prescott, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, Andrew Parrella and Lucy Gordon

The minutes from the November meeting were read. Roger made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written and Andrew seconded the motion.

As the Historical Society strives for better organization in the museum, we decided we would like to get a second laptop. We would also like our existing laptop and the future one to have Microsoft Office software installed. Most of the members of the H.S. are familiar with and comfortable using Microsoft Word and Excel. There are some towns that have their museum's inventory on-line. That is something we would like to do. Currently, we do not have the software to keep the inventory updated.

Roger is looking into what 501(c)3 status would mean to the H.S. Roger had e-mailed the group information on 501(c)3's. We discussed what our interpretation was and decided we need to seek legal advice for their opinion and recommendation. We are looking into 501(c)3 status to obtain financial donations to go towards writing the Town History book.

The One-Room School house DVD is selling extremely well. The H.S. is delighted with the response from the community for the DVD. All revenue will go towards the future Town History book.

Some of the H.S. members attended a Select board meeting and asked for space in the "old" town office. The request was granted by the Select Board. The H.S. will now start sorting and preparing for some of our items to be stored in a more accessible location.

The Tree lighting ceremony was a fabulous success. We estimate there were over fifty in attendance. Each year we hope to have activities to appeal to more residences. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions, please contact the H.S.

Ashley received an e-mail from a gentleman. He has a collection of civil war letters and items related to a Loudon volunteer whose name was Hiram French. Members of the H.S. will meet with the gentleman in early January.

The H.S. is in need of volunteers and/or new members to help us with many of the tasks we are currently working on. Some of the items that we are working on are:

- Oral Histories - record new and also transcribe previously recorded histories.
- Fund Raising - for the Loudon Town History book
- Inventory – this includes documents, photos and artifacts.

Our next meeting will be January 03, 2018 at 7:00. The public is welcome at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Gordon