

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held January 03 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

We had a long discussion about Town meeting. The H.S. would like to make a presentation to the town about using the “old” town office as part of the Historical Society museum. Lot of other towns have storage and a climate controlled room. Plus other towns change their museums around to rotate items that have been stored away so the public can see the items. We have been given the approval to use two rooms at the old Town office for storage, but we would like to use the whole stone structure. We will send a letter to the Select Board to see what they would be interested in for a presentation.

The H.S. has made a list of items and/or ideas that could be used in the Town History book. We are always looking for pictures, documents, stories and memorabilia to be copied or added to our collections.

We are currently getting our existing laptop upgraded to include Microsoft Office. Michele will ask about getting a second laptop. That laptop would also have “office” installed on it.

Stan has written the Historical Society report to be included in the Town report. It was e-mailed to H.S. members. Stan reviewed all the feedback and updated the letter.

Roger contacted Bob Scarponi from Canterbury. They have recently published a Town History. Canterbury has gone through the “growing-pains” and knows what it takes to get this monumental task completed. We are currently waiting for information from Bob before we make future decisions.

On all future Sundays, when the museum is open, H.S. members will be at the museum. This will now be considered a time for everyone to work to get some of our projects completed. For example, work on inventory, getting items out of the loft and into storage at the old town office.

Our next meeting will be February 07, 2018 at 7:00. The public is welcome at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Gordon