

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held May 02 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

One of the many items on our to-do-list is to attend a Select Board meeting. The purpose of this is to ask about having the old Town Office cleaned out. There are still desks, chairs and many boxes of documents.

Roger Maxfield has volunteered to head up the Book writing committee. Roger has started files of different subjects that might be included in the book. For example: cemeteries, significant events, Grist Mills to name a few topics. As we research information on these topics we can add it to the file.

Roger and Stan Prescott will have everything in place by October for the 501(c)3 status. The Historical Society needs this designation in order to go out and ask for tax deductible donations.

Stan contacted Mark Stevens about doing a presentation in the Fall. Mark had multiple topics to choose from. Lucy Gordon sent out e-mails to the H.S. members. She was polling the group to find out which topics would be of most interest when we have Mark Stevens speak. Our plan is to have Mark speak on the Brinks Robbery and the Shakers – Long Canal. The other speaker we hope to have has not been contacted as of this writing.

The light fixture in the museum still needs to be repaired. Stan stated that he will look into it.

Roger made the suggestion that we open the museum every Wednesday afternoon for the summer. The hours would be from one to three. Hopefully this will bring more visitors to the museum. We will make a schedule to make sure someone will be available to open the museum.

Roger will look into how to get a group rate to the NH Historical Society. Some of the research we need to do will be at the NH Historical Society. Hopefully we can save some money by obtaining a group rate.

Andrew Parrella is thinking about having an “Oral History” day. There are so many people that have stories and memories about Loudon. But it is not easy for either Andrew or the interviewee to find the time to meet. Maybe a Oral History day could bring in more people that could be recorded for future generations to hear and learn from the stories.

Our next meeting will be June 06, 2018 at 7:00. The public is welcome at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Gordon