

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held August 01 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees: Roger Maxfield, Ashley Simonds Jace Simonds, Stan Prescott, Chris Wittenberg, Liz LeBrun, Wes Jones and Lucy Gordon

The minutes from the June meeting were read. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written and Liz seconded the motion. We did not have a July meeting due to the Independence day Holiday.

Mark Stevens will be doing a presentation on October 03, 2018. This will take place in the Community room at Charlie's barn. The presentation will be on the Boston Brink's Robbery.

Roger has sent in the 501(c)3 application to the IRS. The IRS has approved our request. We will start fund raising for the Town's History book. The H.S. is still hoping to have a book written for Loudon's 250th anniversary. We hope to bring in an author to aid us in organizing our information. This will help to make the book writing and information gathering easier for everyone. Wes Jones has pictures and information about Pleasant Street. He would be interested in doing a chapter for the History book. But we all need to know what to include in the History book to make the book an interesting and enjoyable book to read.

The museum's Wednesday afternoon openings are a success. We decided to discontinue the Sunday openings and continue with the Wednesday afternoon. We invite the public to stop by and visit the museum. The town of Loudon has a gem of an attraction in its back yard.

We had a discussion about WI-FI in the museum. It is currently costing us \$85 per month. Since we receive only \$2,500 from the town each year, most of our budget is used for WI-FI. Do we need WI-FI access? If yes, what should we do about access and password security for our members? This will be further discussed next month.

Chris Wittenberg has looked into getting the H.S. membership in the NH Historical Society and the NH Association of Historical Societies. We are now members of both groups.

Liz LeBrun has volunteered to start writing a monthly article for the Loudon Ledger. The articles will be about an item in the museum. Liz will tell the history and/or story about the item.

Stan Prescott has given the Historical Society an inventory of two cemeteries. Information about Smith Sargent cemetery on White House Road and the Hill cemetery on International drive is now located at the Historical Society.

The Historical Society would like to say Thank you to Lance Houle and his crew for removing the furniture out of the old Town Office. The H.S. Is now able to put this building to use. We also Thank the Select Board for approving the removal of the furniture.

Our next meeting will be September 05, 2018 at 7:00. The public is welcome at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Gordon