

The Loudon Historical Society (H.S.) meeting was held August 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Everyone agreed Old Home Day was a big success for the Historical Society. The weekend before, Roger, Andrew, Ashley and Lucy washed windows and cleaned the museum. We then displayed items donated recently in prominent places. On Old home day the Museum was open for tours, We also had a bake sale and Switchel samples. We would like to say Thank you to everyone that stopped by the bake sale and the museum.

The H.S. had a discussion about the History book. Andrew suggested we contact the New Hampshire Writers Guild to see if there is interest in writing the book. We will request samples of any interested persons' writing as we would like this to be a readable and entertaining book. The H.S. also discussed having the towns 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the date to have the book written. There is a lot to do to be ready for both the history book and the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Stan is going to get more information on 501(c)3 rules. We need to start fund raising, but we need to have donations be tax deductible. We also would like to get the word out for help from the Loudon Community. We are going to be looking for people to help with fund raising. We will also be looking for people to work with an author to get the book written.

Michele, Roger and Lucy toured Canterbury's Historical Museum. We were very impressed with the large climate-controlled room used for archiving and storing documents. The storage room keeps documents safe for future generations to see and read. We must treat items carefully today if we want them available for tomorrow.

New England Archivists is having a meeting on September 23rd in Cambridge MA. It will be a half day workshop. A few of the topics to be covered there are: Archival Advocacy and Whose History? November 04<sup>th</sup> is a meeting of the Association of Historical Societies in Concord. This will be an all day meeting discussing Managing Collections, using Social media, fund raising to name a few topics.

Roger received documents of proof for a Civil war soldier. The soldiers name was William E.P. Willey. Loudon currently does not have any plaques or monuments for either Revolutionary War or Civil War Soldiers. This information will be on file for future use.

Andrew is meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> with Deborah Godwah (Library Director) at the library. They will be discussing Data management systems.

Bids have gone out for painting and repairs to the Community Building. The paint is peeling on the building and the Cupola.

Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> will be the H.S. next presentation. Roger Maxfield is giving a talk about One-Room School Houses. Roger has spent many, many hours and days doing research and fact checking. This will be a presentation that no one should miss!

Our next meeting will be October 04, 2017 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Gordon