

Bolton Historical Society Meeting February 4, 2010

The members of the Bolton Historical Society met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at the Bolton Town Hall. Present were John Toomey, Gen Robb, Annie and Bill Schade, Marge Flynn, Pat Morianos, Ann Maulucci, Bonnie Massey, Donna Sheridan, and Hans and Susan DePold.

President John Toomey called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Minutes:

October 1, 2009: On a motion by Pat, seconded by Ann, the minutes were accepted as presented.

December 10, 2009: On a motion by Pat, seconded by Marge, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Marge reported that we have \$2,265.44 in the savings account and \$3,541 in the checking account. Susan reported that the Farmhouse Restoration Fund has \$561.16. All these accounts are with New Alliance Bank. The 300th Anniversary Fund now has \$500, and Marge offered to check on the possibility of putting this in a CD since it will not be needed for about ten years.

Old Business:

Living History: Pat and John reported that Mr. Smith, the school superintendent, has taken a great interest in the project. Two sophomores and one freshman have been trained at the Community Voice Channel. A schedule of interviews has been set up; the next person to be interviewed will be Cheryl Udin who will discuss history surrounding Bolton Lake. Other suggestions for interviews would be with Richard and John Treat, and with our own members Ann and Bonnie who lived in town and worked on the 250th anniversary celebration in 1970. Among other possibilities suggested was architect Alan Wiedie, who designed many town buildings.

Heritage Farm Commission: Pat and Ann reported that they had brought up the idea of the town's setting up a special fund for farm contributions, but that Chairman Sandra Pierog noted that the ordinance establishing the Heritage Farm Commission does also establish such a fund. The Environmental Review Team has almost finished their report about all aspects of the farm; we in the historical society are particularly interested in the findings of Dr. Nick Belantoni, the state archeologist, about the farmhouse. Pat and Ann reported also that when this group does make their report to the commission it will be taped and shown on CVC.

Heritage Day, 2010: The date for this year's Heritage Day will be Saturday, October 2nd. After some discussion, the members decided to feature an "Antiques Roadshow" type of program at Herrick Park. We will contact the Bolton Land Trust people to see if they will be able to do their annual hike.

Municipal Historian's Report:

- Hans announced that, at Joyce Stille's request, he will represent the town in the planning of Connecticut's 375th Anniversary Celebration, just announced by Governor Rell. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 10th at the state library.
- There will be a meeting in Hebron on Feb. 15th about the barn grants.
- Connecticut Trails Day will be held on the weekend of June 5th and 6th. Hans has spoken to Rod Parlee of the Conservation Commission, and they agreed that it would be good to focus on the Heritage Farm this year. Len Matyia has offered to give a tour of his 17th century home nearby, so Hans will follow up on this.
- Membership in the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Road (W3R) National Historic Trail Committee is open to those interested.
- The contract from Arcadia was received, and work continues on the book. Ann and Hans spent five hours at the high school choosing photos from yearbooks to be used. Hans has obtained slides that belonged to Myrtle Carlson, and Jimmy Preuss the chief of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Dept. is gathering material for the book as well.

On a motion by Susan, seconded by Donna, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DePold
Secretary