

Willington Historical Society
Special Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021

Call to order: Bob called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Shari and Mark Masinda, Sue Schur, Bob Shabot, Mark Palmer, Betty Robertson, Mary Beth Caron

Present to Speak: None

Approval of Minutes: Sue move to accept minutes as corrected. Bob seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Sue reviewed the report and reminded the society that the interest from the Novotny investment can be used for exhibits. She also mentioned that the insurance agent is actively looking for new policies that could save us money. Bob moved to approve the treasurer's report. Mary Beth seconded. All in favor.

Old Business

1. Ruby Road property: The surveyor is going to contact people after returning to town in July and get going on test pits. Hopefully this will get the lot approved.
2. Jared Sparks Exhibit - There will be no flea market this year. However, Willington Days will be held on August 28 from 11-3. A very lengthy discussion was held about the exhibit. Many suggestions were put forth by the members. Those included: permanent exhibit, video with character representation, pamphlet, booklet. The exhibit will focus on Jared Sparks' life as well as the times he lived in Willington.
3. Code compliance - We need funds for this to happen. Mark suggested a tag sale by the historical society due to the cancellation of the flea market. When the newsletter goes out, we can make a push for membership. We will be doing a town wide mailer. Mark suggested multiple mailers to target different responses for funds. The mailer will include: what, why, use of funds, bring back tavern to what it used to be.
4. Renewal of Permits: tabled. Need to follow up.
5. Sale of attic floor boards: in progress.

New Business

1..Other: Sue brought up Willington Days and participation of the historical society. Sue moved to participate. Bob seconded. All in favor. Shari brought up oral histories. The discussion led to a thought about the boy and girl scouts taking oral histories about Willington.

Adjournment: Bob adjourned the meeting at 8:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Caron
Secretary

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