



Washington Historical Society Newsletter

SPRING 2019 EDITION

President's Message

Now that winter is behind us and spring is here, I hope you are well and ready to participate in the activities of the Washington Historical Society.

Last year, the Board of Directors met several times to discuss, update, and revise the WHS by-laws. An annotated copy of the current by-laws is included with this newsletter so that you can easily see the changes. Please carefully read it because we will be voting at the annual meeting in August to seek approval of the revisions. Some of the more significant changes are the addition of a Barn Committee, making the Archivist an officer & thus increasing the number of Board members, and the reduction of the number of members to form quorums.

Washington, for its relatively small size, is truly gifted with three buildings open to the public and maintained by the Historical Society -- a one room schoolhouse, a barn museum, and our original first museum with an annual changing display. If you have not visited them lately, I encourage you to do so.

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Washington Historical Society Officers

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| President: | Bert Bodnar | Barn Committee: | Phil Barker Volunteers needed |
| Vice President: | | Museum Committee: | Gwen Gaskell Volunteers needed |
| Treasurer: | Elaine Crandall (495-3416) | Museum Aide: | Gail Revane |
| Secretary: | Marian Baker | Newsletter Committee: | Barbara Gaskell Gwen Gaskell Contributors welcome |
| Archivist: | Gwen Gaskell (495-3231) | Program/Publicity Committee: | Tom Talpey Pete Martin |
| Board of Directors: | Tom Talpey | | |
| Webmaster: | Phil Budne | | |

I also encourage you to take an active part to help show these treasures to your friends & neighbors and visitors to our town. I would also be delighted if you could help preserve the buildings and the artifacts that they contain and perhaps make suggestions for improvements.

Some of you may remember Bruce Zimmerman; he passed away on 4 February. We received a letter from his daughter, The Reverend Gretchen Zimmerman, who stated that upon his death, the Washington Historical Society should receive \$1,000.00. On behalf of the society, I wrote a letter expressing our appreciation for the donation.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Bert Bodnar

This Summer at the Museum

by Gwen Gaskell

In the Fall newsletter we asked for suggestions for the display in the museum for this summer but we didn't receive any suggestions, so we will use one from many years ago about the mills of Washington.

Did you know this about the Museum?

We have lots of news clippings about Washington, including note books of the articles on East Washington written by Grace Stevens/Iadonisi.

We have a lot of information to help with genealogical research.

We have a note book full of old post cards of the town.

We maintain a note book full of information on people from Washington's past.

We have albums of pictures and mementos of Old Home Days.

We have Tom Talpey's research and pictures of the many Orchids found in our town.

There are copies of the Histories of Washington and our Town Hall that you may read or buy.

A square grand piano that came to town, second hand, in 1912, is waiting for you to play it.

There are friendly people waiting to greet you.

As always, we are in need of volunteers for all kinds of jobs. All three buildings have projects to do. All three buildings need volunteers to greet visitors during open hours. The Society needs members and volunteers. Can you donate an hour of your time or maybe a couple of Saturdays in the summer? Contact any Society Officers if you think you might be interested.

Sections that are underlined are proposed to be added. Sections that are lined out are proposed to be deleted.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
WASHINGTON, NH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Adopted Dec 1983, By-Laws Revised Aug. 23, 1993 and Aug. 2003 and Spring 2019

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The organization shall be called the Washington, NH Historical Society Inc.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society shall be to bring together those persons interested in the history of Washington and in the collection and preservation of all material that may help to establish or illustrate all facts pertaining to this history, and to undertake any activity that will foster and promote public knowledge of, and interest in local, state, and national history.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Archivist. They shall be elected annually by the members of the Society, except the Archivist who is appointed by the President after elections.

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT. The President shall call, and shall preside at, all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. Subject to the approval of the Board, the President shall appoint the chairpersons of the Standing Committees and, if needed, such Special Committees as necessary to carry out any special activities of the Society.

SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENT. The Vice-President shall carry out such special duties assigned by the President or the Board. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall carry out the duties of the President until the Board of Directors appoints a new President. The Vice-President will also be a member of the Program and Publicity committee to plant he programs for each month.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall:

1. Record the minutes of all meetings of the Society and the Board ~~and shall be the custodian of the records and general papers of the Society and of the Board, excepting those pertaining to finance.~~
2. Collect and file all committee reports.
3. Make a report of the Secretary's ~~office~~ minutes at each meeting of the Society and of the Board.
4. Notify the Board members of meetings ~~and shall send out such advance notice of Society meetings as the Board may direct.~~
5. Keep an up to date mailing list of all members of the Society.
6. ~~Notify successful candidates and appointees of their respective elections and appointments.~~
7. ~~Advise with the President on the agenda for Society business and Board meetings.~~

SECTION 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall:

1. Be the custodian of the funds of the Society and of the records and papers pertaining to its financial affairs.
2. Select a bank with the approval of the Board for the handling of the Society's monies.
3. Be responsible for the collection of all monies due the Society.
4. Disburse funds consistent with the annual budget and receive and deposit monies. The Treasurer will not pay bills contracted by any committee of the Society in excess of their budgeted allotment unless authorized by the Board. Unbudgeted bills of less than twenty-five dollars may be paid at once upon approval of the President. The President or another Board member, appointed by the Board, shall have authority to pay bills whenever the Treasurer is away or unable.
5. Make a financial report at each meeting of the Board and of the Society ~~and present a printed financial statement of transactions of the fiscal year for the Annual Meeting.~~
6. Keep an up-to-date list of all members of the Society and their postal and email addresses.
7. Propose a budget to be approved by the Board and voted on by the membership at a general meeting.
8. Provide an auditor's report to the Board and to the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 5. ARCHIVIST. The Archivist shall be responsible for:

1. Acquisition and de-accession of artifacts for the Museum and to keep detailed records thereof.
2. Supervision of the collection of images as well as administration of Board of Directors' policy in regard to requests for duplication of items in the collection.
3. Reporting to regular Board and general meetings or in writing at the Annual meeting regarding any new acquisitions.

ARTICLE 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Society and three members of the Society so elected. The term of office of the three members of the Society shall be for three years, with one member going off the Board each year. Initially these three Society members shall be elected as follows: one member of one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

SECTION 2. Vacancies on the Board between elections shall be filled, until the next Annual meeting, by appointment by the Board.

SECTION 3. The Board shall ~~review the prepare~~ a budget that will be approved at the next general meeting following election of ~~officers the President~~.

SECTION 4. The Board shall have the authority to transact any business necessary and proper to the conduct of the Society and the management of its affairs, except in the disbursement of unbudgeted funds exceeding \$1,000.00. Such funds must be approved by a majority vote of the quorum of members at any meeting of the society.

SECTION 5. The Board shall have responsibility for maintenance and upkeep and periodic inspection of all buildings and their surrounding grounds.

ARTICLE 3. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. There shall be two classes of Committees, Standing and Special. Standing Committees shall be those functions that are continuous; the Standing Committees shall be Museum Committee, Barn Committee, Schoolhouse Committee, and Program and Publicity Committee ~~and Building and Grounds Committee.~~

SECTION 2. MUSEUM COMMITTEE. The Museum Committee, chaired by the Archivist, shall be responsible for:

1. Supervision of the Museum staff and volunteers.
2. The development of projects, exhibits, and educational programs.
3. The operation of the Museum gift shop ~~and shall submit a financial report to the Treasurer.~~
4. ~~Supervise the collection of images as well as administration of Board of Directors policy in regard to requests for duplication of items in this collection.~~
5. ~~The acquisition and de-accession of artifacts for the Museum as detailed in a separate policy.~~
6. ~~Such other duties as ay be assigned by the Board of Directors.~~

SECTION 3. BARN COMMITTEE. The Barn Committee shall be responsible for:

1. The development of projects, exhibits, and educational programs at the Barn.
2. Notifying the Archivist of new acquisitions.

SECTION 4. SCHOOLHOUSE COMMITTEE. The Schoolhouse Committee shall be responsible for:

1. The development of projects, exhibits, and educational programs at the Schoolhouse.
2. Notifying the Archivist of new acquisitions.
3. The operation of the Schoolhouse gift shop.

SECTION 5. PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The Program and Publicity Committee shall be responsible for:

1. Developing and supervising programs for monthly membership meetings.
2. Establishing of tours and trips to points of historical interest.
3. Obtaining publicity for monthly programs.
4. Maintaining publicity of the Society, Museum, Barn, and Schoolhouse #5 in statewide and local publications.
5. Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special Committees shall be those appointed by the President for a purpose not covered by a Standing Committee. Special Committees could include Hospitality and Nominating, among others.

SECTION 7. All Standing Committee members shall be nominated by the President, approved by the Board, and shall act under the direction of the Board. Each Committee shall elect its own Chairperson to serve for one year.

~~BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE. The Building and Grounds Committee shall be responsible for~~

~~the upkeep and maintenance of all buildings and land owned by the Society~~

~~(General)~~

~~All Standing Committee members shall be nominated by the President, approved by the Board, and act under direction of the Board.~~

~~Under the Chairperson Pro Tem of all Committees appointed by the President, each Committee shall elect its Chairperson to serve for one year.~~

ARTICLE 4. AUDITOR

An Auditor shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board ~~to serve for one year~~. The books of the Treasurer will be audited and a written report given, prior to the Annual Meeting and at any other time Board deems necessary.

ARTICLE 5 ARCHIVIST

~~The Preservationist/Archivist shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board, under consultation with the Museum Committee and shall be a member of the Museum Committee. (This is now covered in other parts of the By-Laws)~~

ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society is open to any person or institution interested in the preservation of the history of Washington, NH, and any activities pertaining to the same. There shall be ~~are~~ five ~~six~~ classifications of members, and they are:

1. Individual – no age requirement, open to any person. One vote.
2. Family – a family unit with minor children. Two votes.
3. Honorary – individuals elected by majority vote at any meeting of the Society having been nominated by an active member. Nominations must have prior approval from the Board. Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges without having to pay dues. One vote.
4. Sustaining – One vote per member
5. Lifetime – shall be determined by the Board and elected by majority vote at any meeting of the Society. – One vote.
- ~~6. Business and Institution – one vote~~

ARTICLE 6. DUES

SECTION 1. The Historical Society's fiscal year is August 1 – July 31. Membership dues shall be paid annually at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. Annual dues may be set by the Board and approved by the membership at any legal meeting.

SECTION 3. No member whose dues are in arrears shall be eligible for nomination or election to office or to vote.

SECTION 4. A member not having paid dues by November will be notified ~~in writing~~ by the Treasurer. ~~If the current dues are not paid by July 1, the membership shall be deemed lapsed.~~

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month, April through October, unless otherwise noted. The Annual meeting shall be in August. ~~The specific date of this meeting and the place in which it will be held shall be determined by the Board of Directors.~~

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of ten members Said request must ~~to~~ include the business to be brought before the meeting and no other business shall be considered. A written notice is to be sent to each member at least ten days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE 8. QUORUMS

SECTION 1. A quorum necessary to transact business at any meeting of the Society shall consist of fifteen ~~twenty five~~ voting members.

SECTION 2. A quorum at ~~in~~ a meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of its members.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds ~~majority~~ vote of the quorum present, provided that a written notice of proposed amendments is sent to each member at least ten days prior to such meeting. The By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds majority vote of the quorum present, provide that a ~~written~~ notice of proposed amendments is provided ~~sent~~ to each member at least ten days prior to such meeting.

The amendments of Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective upon their adoption.

ITEM FOR SALE
FEATURING FAVORITE LANDMARKS OF WASHINGTON, NH

To order contact: Elaine Crandall (603) 495-3416 or ecrandall@verizon.net
Gwen Gaskell (603) 495-3231 or jimgwen@gsinet.net

Afghan. \$45.00 Featuring scenes of Washington woven into a beautiful memento of our town. It is available in green or blue on an off white background.

Puzzle. \$5.00 Our 494 piece, 14" x 19" puzzle is an aerial photograph of the Washington town center by Bill St. Pierre. A limited edition collectible.

Trivet. \$15.00 A 6" x 6" ceramic trivet or tile, suitable for hot or cold, with a leather backing, featuring a color photograph of the three steepled buildings in the center of town. Gift boxed.

Postcards and Notecards of Gustine Hurd Images. \$0.50 each / \$5.00 per set. Two photographs taken in the early 1880's by Gustine Hurd have been turned into postcards and notecards. The single fold notecards are packaged in sets of 4 with envelopes. Two notecards of each picture or four of one picture.

Glass Medallion. \$5.00 This 3" medallion depicts the Town Hall. The picture is adapted from an early 1880's wet plate photograph taken by Gustine Hurd. Available in blue or green.

Booklet *History of Camp Morgan.* \$25.00 A compilation of information from multiple sources brought together in one place outlining the history of Camp Morgan from it's earliest days to the present.

DVD. \$20.00 *Meetinghouse: The Heart of Washington, NH.* Few structures say "New England" as eloquently as does a classic eighteenth century meetinghouse. The small hill town of Washington, NH claims such a meetinghouse. Erected on the 4th of July, 1787, it is still the heart of the town. In this film the town opens its heart to the world. It displays 225 years of affectionate, sometimes contentious, interplay between generations of Washington citizens and the Meetinghouse on the Town Common.

All items can be shipped for an additional charge. Call or email Elaine Crandall or Gwen Gaskell at the contact info above to ascertain the amount required. It will be in the range of \$4 to \$10 per package, depending on what is being shipped and your zip code.

PROGRAMS FOR WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2019

Meeting monthly, May through October at Camp Morgan Lodge

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| Pot Luck Supper | 6:00 - 6:30 pm |
| Business Meeting | 6:30 - 7:00 pm |
| Program | 7:00—8:00 |

Watch for posters and/or come to meetings for more information about these programs.

May 13 "NH's Long Love-Hate Relationship with its Agricultural Fairs."

Presented by Steve Taylor (This is a NH Humanities program)

June 10 Bats in New Hampshire

Presented by Cynthia Nichols

July 6 Pie Sale at Annual Flea Market on the Common 9-12 (or sell out)

Homemade doughnuts & hot coffee also.

July 8 The History of Gym Class

Presented by Rebecca Noel (This is a NH Humanities program)

August 12 Fire Towers in New Hampshire

August 24 Pot Roast Supper-?? The date is reserved but it is dependent on health and help.

Watch for posters

Sept. 9 Treasure from the Isles of Shoals: How New Archeology is Changing History

Presented by J. Dennis Robinson (This is a NH Humanities program)

Oct 14 TBA.

Museum & Barn Hours: July & August, Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm or by appointment any time.

Call Gwen Gaskell at 495-3231

District #5 School Hours: July & August, Saturdays 1 - 3 pm or by appointment any time.

Call Gwen Gaskell at 495-3231

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ANNUAL MEMEBERSHIP DUES are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family (including children under 16). For those who would like to contribute more to help us cover our expenses, we have a sustaining membership for \$25. The membership year is August 1 through July 31. We appreciate your continued interest and support of our projects. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us as a member, please complete the form below and send to THE WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 90, WASHINGTON, NH 03280. If you know of someone who might be interested in our newsletter, please let us know or pass this one on to them.

Name: _____

Participating family names: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone # Winter _____ Summer _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Membership level: \$10 Individual _____ \$15 Family _____ \$25 Sustaining _____

PLEASE NOTE: As a non-profit historical society, we qualify with many companies for matching grants provided the company you work for, or are retired from, supports such benefits.

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