

2011 Board Meeting

Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

Date	June 20, 2011
Location	Historical Society of Phillipston Museum
Time	7:00 PM
Board members present	Gordon Batchelor, Les Dossett, Karl Hakkarainen, Sandra Hakkarainen, Carole Gariepy, Gerry Gariepy, Linda Langevin, Peter Richard
Board members absent	Dave Bramhall, Jane French
To start	Our meeting began at 7:05 PM with the recitation of the <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> .
Previous minutes	Clerk Sandra Hakkarainen read previous meeting minutes from May 18, 2011. The minutes were accepted as read.
Treasury	Treasurer, Gerry Gariepy read the Treasurer's report. He reports that two bills are paid: one for the port-a-potty, the other for security. Current balance is \$23,947.
Opening remarks	President, Linda Langevin welcomed members, ideas, and suggestions. We have a quorum. Linda reminded us that a board meeting quorum requires six members, and that a regular meeting quorum requires eight.
Museum sign	The museum sign is damaged. Action: Gerry Gariepy will contact Jake Lyman this week to discuss damage from poor paint to the museum sign.
Keys	We discussed keys for the museum. Entering the locked museum requires a key and a key code. Who should have keys? The building committee? Curator? President? And, who should track keys and manage key codes? Current museum key holders include: Peter Richard, Gerry and Carole Gariepy, Linda Langevin, Jane French, Gerhard Fandreyer, and Thelma McMahan. Action: Peter Richard will try his keys to see if they work, then turn them in to Linda Langevin. Action: Linda will discuss issues about keys with Curator, Jane French. She will also set up a meeting with the building committee to discuss keys and their lack of a chairman. We agreed to table the discussion until Linda talks with Jane and meets with the building committee.

CPC Grant	<p>Our grant application to the Community Preservation Commission (CPC) was denied. The CPC requires a document stating that if we sell our building, we will return any profit to the town.</p> <p>Gerry suggests that Linda contact CPC member, Karen Perkins, who is also a Historical Society member.</p> <p>Action: Gordon Batchelor will contact a woman (from Athol) to ask if she might help the Society with her grant writing experience.</p> <p>Action: Linda will attend the next CPC meeting to gather more information.</p>
Newsletter	<p>Previous Historical Society newsletters were great for communication. We voted unanimously to have a newsletter; we agreed that the society would pay for publication costs.</p> <p>Action: Linda will contact former newsletter writer and publisher Kay Deans to see if she may be willing to oversee a newsletter.</p>
History books	<p><i>The Spirit of Phillipston</i> books are currently stored in Gerhard Fandreyer's garage. We discussed giving some of these books to new lifetime members, then voted <i>not</i> to give these books away for free or at a discount.</p>
Interest rates	<p>Gerry Gariepy listed available interest rates for our treasury, and recommended that we put \$10 thousand into a CD account yielding between .80% and 1.90%. Karl Hakkarainen reported that the Quabbin Online Credit Union offers 2% for a 6 month CD through Athol Savings. Peter Richard commented that we may need to plan for future expenses before we invest in a CD. We agreed to table the discussion for now.</p> <p>Action: Gerry will learn more about interest rates the Quabbin Online Credit Union, and report his findings at our next meeting.</p>
Next meetings	<p>We discussed setting regular meeting dates. We agreed to meet the second Wednesday of the month, every other month. (If we don't need a meeting, we won't meet.)</p> <p>Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 10, 2011.</p>

We adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra M. Hakkarainen, Clerk