

Minutes
For The Annual Meeting of the
Bethel Historical Society
January 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm by President Nick Nikolaidis. It was determined that there were 16 members in attendance.

The President instructed the secretary to incorporate into the minutes proof of notice the annual meeting had been legally made to the membership. This was done via the Herald of Randolph, our newsletter, and the Bethel Courier Online.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President's report was read to the members in attendance as submitted to the Town of Bethel for printing in the 2008 Town Report, see attached copy.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

To date the Bethel Historical Society has over 200 paid members. Our Checking account at Mascoma Savings Bank has approximately \$2,900.00. We also have a two CD's at Mascoma Savings Bank in the amount of \$4,900.00 total.

Report submitted by Nick Nikolaidis in the absence of
Treasurer Kent Batcheller

The President asked for a motion to be made to accept both reports as given. The motion was made and all were in favor of accepting the reports as given.

There was no unfinished business to bring before the membership.

There was no new business to bring before the membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:

Per our Bi-Laws, Article VI, the four officers and an auditor shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Society and shall serve for

one year or until their successors are elected by the society. Our current slate of Officers are –

President: Nick Nikolaidis

Vice President: Janet Burnham

Treasure: Kent Batcheller

Secretary: Rosella Leonard

Auditor: Neil Fox

Nominations were entertained from the floor. Don Brown made the motion to empower the secretary to cast one vote for the complete slate of officers as they stand; it was seconded. All were in favor.

Are there any announcements to be made?

There will be no History Expo this year due to the current economic situation of the State and the planned 400th Anniversary of Lake Champlain. It was felt in lieu of this perhaps we could combine with a few of the other area Historical Societies to have a Mini Expo. Further discussion to come in future meetings

The Historical Society has donated 6 large folding tables to Whitcomb High School. We voted to do this because the school did not charge us for use of the gym this last year for the Postcard and History Show.

Bill Johanson is putting the finishing touches to his book about the “Flats of Bethel”. The prologue and index is being sent to Janet Burnham to preview. The book will include approximately 300 pictures and historical information. We are in hopes Bill will have another presentation for this coming year.

Immediately following the business meeting our guest speaker, the Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Syracuse University, Mr. Robert Bogdan, will present a slide program on “Real Photo Postcard Guide; The People’s Photography”.

The meeting closed at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosella (Rose) A. Leonard
Secretary Bethel Historical Society
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