

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023; 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: The names and addresses of homeowners and researchers will be omitted from published minutes to maintain their privacy.

Present by Zoom:

Andrew Jacobson, Chair; Nancy Maitland, Curator; Amy Harron, Secretary; Peter van der Maas, Vice Chair; Diane Peters; Martin Starr; Kevin Hackett, Debbie Kroetsch

Absent: Lori Sebben, Councillor; and Carol Gregory

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order** - Andrew Jacobson, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3. **Adoption of Minutes – March 8, 2023**

Moved by: Nancy Maitland

Seconded by: Andrew Jacobson

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society committee approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023, meeting as presented.

Carried

4. **Presentations / Delegations / Communications**

5. **Chair's Report**

- Dewar Plaque Unveiling
Great success, Mayor Nowak and Councillor Lori Sebben were in attendance along with Dewar family members. A total of approximately 15 people were in attendance.
- Nancy and I attended the May 2, 2023, Township of Wellesley Council Meeting and our 2023 budget was approved by Council

6. **Unfinished Business**

- Emancipation Day Plaque
Nancy Maitland stated Emancipation Day picnic was August 1st, July 29th would be the closest we could get to that date.
Peter van der Maas asked if the committee has the plaque?
Nancy Maitland responded that she will follow up with Riverside Brass. Nancy asked if township staff can install the plaque.
Peter van der Maas responded he will contact Riverside Brass and follow up with township staff.
- Huber Cider Mill Storyboard
Committee has decided this item will be held until Spring 2024.
- Curator Search
Interviews were held on May 4th, 2023 and no decision has been made.

7. New Business

- 2023 Backyard BBQ and Community Forum – June 23, 2023; 5-7pm/display & volunteers needed
Volunteers Peter van der Maas, Debbie Kroetsch, Theresa Bisch and Andrew Jacobson.
- Wellesley Township Fall Fair – September 12, 2023; set-up time of Monday, September 11th evening, volunteers needed for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 and Wednesday, September 13th, 2023/display & Volunteers needed
Peter van der Mass reported that a spot has been reserved for the committee. Nancy Maitland and Peter van der Maas discussed the possibilities for the display.
Volunteers, no volunteers came forward at this time. Confirmation of volunteers will be made through email.

Moved by: Peter van der Maas

Seconded by: Andrew Jacobson

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society committee accept the motion to move the meeting to September 6th, 2023 at 2:00p.m.

Carried

- Doors Open – September 16, 2023 at the Township of Wellesley Council Chambers; 10am-4pm/display & volunteers needed
Volunteers
Theresa Bisch 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.
Andrew Jacobson 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.
Debbie Krotesch 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
- Apple Butter and Cheese Festival – September 30, 2023; 10am – 2pm/volunteers in historical room
Volunteers Andrew Jacobson

8. Heritage Committee Chair Report

- Architectural descriptions complete for heritage properties in preparation for heritage register.
Nancy will complete the historical descriptions.

9. Curator's Report

- Curators' report attached as appendix 'A' to the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting.
Debbie thanked Nancy for what she has done for the township.

Moved by: Peter van der Maas

Seconded by: Diane Peters

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society committee approve the reimbursement of \$196.26 to Nancy Maitland.

Carried

10. Social Media Report

Nancy Maitland has been sharing some items on both Facebook and Instagram.

11. Financial Report

- Attached as appendix "B" to the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting.

12. Other Business

13. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 6, 2023; 2:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Andrew Jacobson

Seconded by: Nancy Maitland

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society meeting does now adjourn at 2:41p.m.

Carried

Appendix A

Curator's Report, May 10, 2023

Updated and completed [WTHHS Research Guide](#) and uploaded it to the website

Updated and completed the WTHHS Procedure Manual to assist new curator

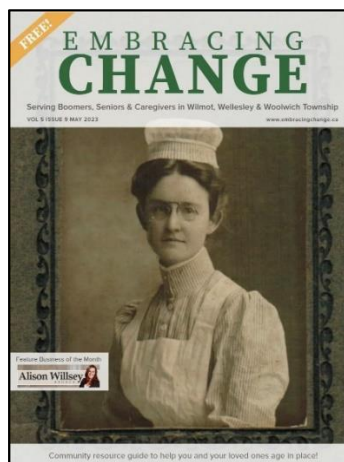
Assisted with minutes (March 8) and Agenda (May 10)

Wrote and distributed Q1 Newsletter

Research requests – Lemp/Kling families, fall fair, photos of the early bridge by the mill, Hawkesville, Bulmer family history

Showed Peter how to use the *Maple Leaf Journal* files on the website to do research for the Fair Board

Fair Board research – heritage trees; list of apples species in fair prize lists 1901, 1903, 1906, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000; provided Waterloo Historical Society article about Wellesley Fair history



Wrote cover article for the May issue of [Embracing Change](#) about nurses in the township (see page 8)

Assisted with writing the curator job posting; added that information to our website, IG and FB. Assisted with writing interview questions for curator applicants, and assisted with interviews

Worked with plaque committee for arrangements for Dewar Bridge unveiling – wrote press release, Sewed a weighted piece of fabric for use as “veil” in future plaque events. contacted reporters from the *Observer* and *Wilmot Tavistock Gazette*. Had an interview and photo by the bridge with *Observer* reporter. Article appeared on the front page of the [May 4, 2023](#) edition.



Attended Council meetings on April 4 and May 2 – gave annual report, my contract was renewed, and budget was approved

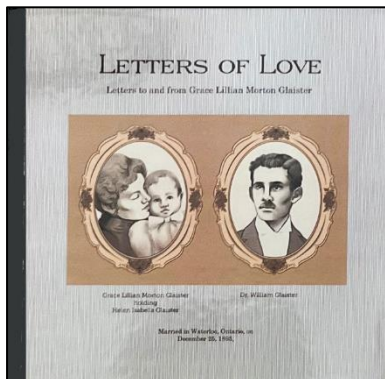
Completed form for “Doors Open” brochure September 16

Sent information to members about Waterloo Historical Society meeting April 8; information about Wilmot Township Heritage Event April 19.

New acquisitions –



S. S. #7 Kingwood School and Lichty Family history – from Mary Lichty-Neeb



Book of letters and photographs of Dr. Glaister’s first wife, Grace Lillian Morton Glaister; contains special acknowledgement of my help and the use of our collection – purchased from author Helen-Louise Coppin

Darryl Ehnes – collection of miscellaneous clippings and other documents

Bob McLaughlin – relative of our benefactor Jack Koehler – Koehler family history photos & documents

Expenses:

Google Workspace - 3 months @ \$4.41 +0.71	\$13.94
Fabric and Weights for plaque “veil” – \$14.91 + 18.07	\$32.98
Hawkesville Ruby Glass souvenir ware cup	\$30.71
Glaister book	\$118.63
Total	\$196.26