

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, October 24, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Sarah Peck, Diane Peters,
Garry Peters

Regrets: Nancy Maitland, Brenda Armstrong, Susan Duke, Dan McKinlay, Herb Neher, Bob
Hammer

1. Call to order - Ron Hackett

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2011

- moved by Diane/Ross that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Hawkesville Heritage District - At the town meeting held in Hawkesville to discuss heritage designation a number of outspoken people were not in favour, although there was some support. It was agreed to postpone any further action for the time being. Ron has spoken with Marg Rowell and she will come when needed. There may be some grant money available in the future to assist with renovations of designated properties.

- Ron Futher presentation - The presentation on firefighting in Wellesley took place on October 18th at the Wellesley Community Centre. Around 40 people attended, including visitors from Seaforth, Guelph, Erbsville, and Wilmot. A write-up appeared in *The Observer* on October 22. Ron acknowledged assistance from the fire department and staff members in mounting the presentation. There was some discussion about other possibilities for speakers: Frank Erb (has a collection of yardsticks from local businesses), Julie Schnurr, Bob Hammer.

- Township Council met on September 20th. Ron attended and explained the Society's financial situation and how the money in the accounts is to be used. He brought forward a request that Nancy Maitland's contract for 2012 be approved (carried). He also asked about copyright permission to reproduce the *Maple Leaf Journal* on CD. Susan Duke reported that she had spoken to a lawyer about how to proceed. It was suggested that the township control sales, with the money donated to Historical Society. Nancy would put together an estimate of costs and WTHHS would prepare the CDs on behalf of the township. Motion (Carol/Garry) that the Township maintain control over production and sales of the CD of the Maple Leaf Journal, with proceeds to be deposited into the Koehler account. Carried.

- both the library and the township have been approached regarding additional copies of the Steckley CD and more need to be made. Motion (Garry/Carol) that the Society purchase 75 additional copies from the Steckleys. Carried. Ross has ordered these. Money to purchase them

will come out of the township account which includes proceeds from previous sales.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Carol reported that there is \$1449.59 in the Heritage Society chequing/savings account, plus a GIC valued at \$6456.43 which will mature on December 22, 2011. Motion (Carol/Diane) that Carol contact the bank and ask that the money be put into the chequing/savings account. Carried. There is currently \$291.94 in the Historical Society account, plus a GIC for \$4102.59 due in December 2012.

6. Communications

- Wellesley theatre society will be presenting performances November 17th-19th at the community centre. Tickets are available at Pyms.
- the October 2011 issues of the Waterloo Historical Society newsletter was received.
- Ron reported that the Waterloo county Heritage Planning Advisory Committee has been discussing proposed provincial legislation regarding grants for tax rebates for costs related to maintaining heritage properties. This would have to be passed by individual regions and townships before applications would be accepted.
- Carol reported that the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation has grants available for designated properties in the region. These would pay for up to 50% of costs associated with bringing properties up to heritage standards. Approval would need to be granted before the project began and money given after the project was completed.
- Nancy Maitland was unable to attend the meeting and submitted a written report.

7. Old Business

- Ron reported he has still not yet received have the quotes from Township staff to build shelving for the models in the Historical Room.

8. New Business

- Rosalie Gerber from the Schmidtsville Restaurant has donated ledger books and buttons from the late 1920s from the Reiner Brothers store. She also has additional material from the store. Ron and Nancy will look at it to see if we would like it for the collection.
- Paul Hergott donated a stamp from the Roman Catholic School Board in St. Clements. Ron also acquired an eight-track tape showing Kuhn Mountain near Hawkesville, where motorcycles used to climb in the 1940s and 1950s. It may be possible to convert this to a DVD.
- the Historical Room will be open October 29th and November 26th, but closed the last Saturday in December .

9. Next Meeting - Monday, January 23, 2012, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.