

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, JANUARY 23, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Dave Holzschuh, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

Regrets: Peter Van der Maas

1. Call to order - 7:30 p.m. (Nancy)
2. Delegations - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2016
 - moved by Dave/Beth that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.
4. Business arising
 - WTHHS constitution and by-laws – a revised draft was distributed and discussed. Nancy will follow-up.
 - CIBC signing authority for the Heritage Society (old LACAC) account has been finalized, but there are still problems at the bank because the Society has two accounts.
 - affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society – we will need to pay a one-time fee of \$400 in order for them to review the documentation submitted with an application and present it to the Ontario Legislature for incorporation. It was suggested that we apply to the township to have money taken from the Koehler account to cover this. Once we are incorporated we can apply for provincial grants.
 - Nancy has spoken with Theresa Bisch at the township office regarding creating a form for keeping track of the budget.
 - partnering with other township groups could make it easier to apply for grants.
 - Nancy has spoken with representatives from the Wellesley North Easthope fair board about the possibility of offering history prizes at the fair. Nancy will look into possible forms the entries might take and report back.
 - web statistics – 1319 page views in January
 - volunteer hours for 2016 should be reported to Nancy for inclusion in the annual report
5. Treasurers' Reports
 - Beth reported that the current balance in the Historical Society account is \$1675.09 (no change)
 - Carol reported that there is \$1500.59 in the Heritage Society account (no change).
 - Nancy reported that there is \$173.16 in petty cash.
6. Communications
 - former Society President Ron Hackett died suddenly on December 23, 2016. Links have been put on the Facebook page to an article on Ron which appeared in the *Woolwich Observer* and also to an article on Ron Futher which appeared in the *Record* late last year.
7. Curator's Report

- Julie Schnurr lent a scrapbook compiled in the 1940s which contains news articles on a number of local people. Nancy has scanned it for our collection.
- Nancy met with Vonnie Haner who has donated a number of newspaper articles relating to the township.
- 47 research requests were received in 2016; 29 were by email, one by regular mail, and 17 resulted from visits to the Historical Room.
- Dave will work on organizing the material relating to his family which he donated to the collection.
- Dave purchased from the Ontario archives a copy of a map showing Walker's 1842 survey of the township, with annotations as properties were sold. This could be reproduced for sale if grant money was available to cover costs of reproducing the map. Nancy will check about copyright.
- copyright regulations are very restrictive for fire insurance plans, but they can be copied if over 90 years old. Nancy has made a digital image of our 1894 plan of Wellesley.

8. New Business

- a Cultural Heritage Landscape Study is planned for Wellesley and Woolwich townships. Nancy is on the committee.
- the Regional Library is planning a heritage event on February 23rd from 2:00-6:00. At that time photos can be brought in to the library and scanned. It was agreed that the Historical Room will be open that day but not on Monday, February 20th. We will also be open on Saturday, February 25th.
- an Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in February or March.
- it was unanimously agreed that the curator's contract should be renewed

9. Other Business

- the Historical Room will be open Saturday, January 28th from 10:00-3:00

10. Next meeting – February 27th, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.