

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING

Monday, February 27, 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 - 7:35 p.m. (Nancy)
2. Delegations - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2017
 - moved by Garry/Carol that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.
4. Business arising
 - WTHHS constitution and by-laws – Nancy met with Grace Kosch at the Township office and they developed another draft. This will be sent the township lawyer for review.
 - fair prizes – Nancy has contacted members of the Wellesley fair board. We have been listed in the program for 2017 and we will offer prizes of \$15, \$10, and \$5 at two ages levels (\$60 total). We can use a copy of the fair logo to advertise. Announcements will be put on the Women of Wellesley Facebook page and Instagram. The fair board will arrange judges.
 - affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society – Minutes of our Annual General Meeting must be included with the application for affiliation. The AGM will be held on March 27. The agenda should include: minutes of the last AGM, reports of the directors and curator, election of directors. We need four directors (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). The current President, Treasurer and Secretary agreed to stand for re-election and Dave agreed to be nominated for Vice President. An OHS representative will need to be present at a meeting when there is a motion to join the OHS.
 - Theresa Bisch at the township office has agreed to serve as auditor for the Society.
 - Cultural Heritage Landscape Study of Woolwich and Wellesley – two University of Waterloo graduate students will be working on this and they should be done by August. Nancy has spoken with them.
 - Nancy will attend the Township Council meeting on March 14th to present a curator's report and report on Society business. Dave will go with her to present the request to renew Nancy's contract as curator and to approach council about taking the \$400 application fee for affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society from the Koehler fund.
 - Diane and Garry looked after the display at the Wilmot Heritage Day on Saturday, February 25th. Diane, Garry and Nancy worked in the Historical Room for the Region of Waterloo Scanfest at Wellesley library on Thursday, February 23rd. Only a few photographs were brought in.
 - the township lawyer has provided a form which must be signed by anyone doing volunteer work in the Historical Room.

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Beth reported that the current balance in the Historical Society account is \$1708.69.
- Carol reported that there is \$1500.59 in the Heritage Society account (no change). The GIC is worth \$6745.64 + \$88.35 interest. The GIC matures on December 27, 2017.
- Nancy reported that there is \$175.16 in petty cash.

6. Communications – none

7. Curator's Report

- Castle Kilbride donated two old calendars, one from R. Y Fish in Linwood and one from Kelterborn Meat Market in Wellesley
- the website currently lists many Heritage Week events – Nancy will update
- a new display board featuring Ottman photographs was created for Wilmot Heritage Day
- Nancy has been working with the Wellesley School 50th Anniversary Committee and we will have a display at their open house in April; the Historical Room will also be open that afternoon
- Dave is cataloguing his family collection at home, with assistance from Nancy
- Our Digital World/Archaeon (Archives Association of Ontario) has free training available on their software
- Nancy wrote an article on local events in 1967 for the *New Hamburg Independent* special Heritage Week edition
- there were 3 visitors at the open house on February 25th

8. New Business

- the idea of trying to identify people in the Linwood and St. Clements historical DVDs purchased from Western University was discussed
- the Township has a new website. We can add events to the calendar. It was noted that it is difficult to find the link to the Society website from the township site and Nancy will contact them regarding this.
- Nancy created a membership form. This was put out on the display table at the Wilmot Heritage Day but none were picked up. We could encourage people to become members by creating a quarterly newsletter. This could be sent by email. The form could also be put on our website.
- Nancy spoke with Sher Leetooze, who is doing research on different kinds of apples. It was suggested that she be asked to speak at a public meeting. This could be jointly sponsored by the Horticultural Society.
- it was suggested that another way to raise our profile would be to present a program at one of the Community Care Concepts community lunches.

9. Other Business

- Dave brought in the copy of the historical map of Wellesley Township which he purchased through the Archives of Ontario website.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.