

Minutes

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE and HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, December 14, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Present by zoom: Nancy Maitland, Karolyn Fournier, Carol Gregory, Diane/Garry Peters, Andrew Jacobson, Jean Herrgott.

Regrets: Calli Shaw, Beth Lealess, Judy Mendicino, Ross Kelterborn, Dave Holzschuh, Debbie Kroetsch, Carol Rankin, Peter van der Maas, Blanche Moser, Diane Strauss,

1. Call to order by Nancy at 2:04 pm

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the last meeting – November 16, 2020. After a spelling error was corrected, Diane Peters moved to accept the revised minutes, Andrew Jacobson seconded, carried.

4. Communications

- Marion Roes has published a new book “Death as Life’s Work,” a history of undertakers in the Waterloo Region. It was decided we won’t purchase a copy for the historical room as our regional libraries will have it in their collections.

5. New Business

- **Nominations for AGM** – Nancy will resign as Chair at our AGM in February. Our continuing Treasurer is Theresa Bisch at the Township. Andrew Jacobson is unable to continue as Vice-Chair or any other active role. Andrew suggested Karolyn Fournier as Chair, Peter van der Maas as Vice-Chair and Carol Gregory as Secretary. Carol is not interested in a position at this time. Dave Holzschuh’s name was brought forward as well. Nancy will ask Peter and Dave if they’d consider letting their names stand. Karolyn will continue her participation as long as there can be some flexibility with timing of zoom meetings. We will need the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair & Recording Secretary filled.
- **Wilmot Post Heritage Edition:** Nancy has been asked to write two or three articles (500 words each) themed around local families for the annual special edition.
- **Heritage Week 2021:** Nancy will be in contact with Castle Kilbride to inquire what Heritage week looks like this year due to the pandemic.
- **Historical Outreach Project:** Peter had previously suggested he wishes we had public signs to record historical events and locations in the township. Research and volunteers will be required. e.g., Huber’s Corners, Cider Mill explosion.
- **Donations:** \$100 was received from a donor after Nancy answered questions for their family research. \$50 was received from a friend of Nancy’s as a gift in Nancy’s name.
- **New Member:** Martin Starr from Chicago, IL has joined. Martin has some family history research he would like to share with us. His family member, Ferdinand Starr, was born in Hawkesville and moved his family to

Michigan. Martin has ancestors buried here in the township and plans to visit after the pandemic is over.

- **Wellesley Roots Webpage:** It was reported that two people have connected because of information on this page of our website.
- **Documents from Wilfred Jenkins, QC:** An email was sent to historical organizations listing miscellaneous documents available for the taking from him . Two are concerning Wellesley properties: an 1863 mortgage between William Gutteridge and Walter Scott and also a 1905 power of sale for the Schweitzer Hotel in Crosshill. We will add these two documents to our collection.

6. Old Business

- **Software update** – we are able to use the Township’s license for Microsoft Office 2019 and Windows 10 which were loaded onto the historical room’s computer by Leonard Glass at the township office.
- **Heritage Register update** – Karolyn, Jean and Nancy met to discuss the project on November 28. We have about 290 properties on the list, we’ll evaluate and shave down to much less than that. Garry and Diane might be interested in helping with the Linwood list. Nancy will send them the spreadsheet and evaluation forms.
- **Document transfer** - Karolyn has completed the transfer of *Maple Leaf Journal* research files into acid free folders.
- **Canada’s History Magazine** – An image of the stickers produced by the Wellesley Branch of the Region of Waterloo library was emailed to members. The large, bold sticker acknowledges the subscription as donated by WTHHS with our webpage address.

7. Chair/Curator’s Report

- Research was completed on the boat “You Shoulda” – photo by Ross Kelterborn.
- Research and article for **Embracing Change** magazine on the 1927 opening of the Wellesley - Philipsburg Highway. Parade, procession, cars were decorated.
- Working on finding out about the “new” gravestone marker in St. John’s cemetery
- Answered question by Stacy McLennan of Waterloo Region Museum about a Woolwich township school.
- Continuing of online cataloguing.
- Preparing for the AGM in February.
- Nancy will be publishing the next newsletter.
- Website stats: Monthly averages for 2020 at the end of December - 290 users, 364 sessions 1228 page views

8. Financial Reports

Historical society	1,736.33
Heritage committee	1,956.58
Heritage committee GIC	6,860.00
Koehler	355,136.62
Petty cash	162.23
Total	365,851.76

9. Other Business - None

10. Next Meeting: – January 18th 2:00

Meeting adjourned 2:33 pm

Minutes recorded by Karolyn Fournier