

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Monday, September 20, 2021; 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; Lindsay Raftis, Secretary; Diane Peters; Garry Peters; Robert Nyman; David Holzschuh; Debbie Kroetsch

1. Call to order – Andrew Jacobson, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2. Minutes from last meeting – July 12, 2021

Moved: Nancy Maitland Seconded: Diane Peters

That the WTHHS committee approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting as presented.

Carried

3. Communications – None

4. New Business

Historical Room – Andrew Jacobson, Chair spoke to interest in opening up the historical room to the public. Nancy Maitland, Curator suggested contacting the Township regarding COVID-19 restrictions and protocols and spoke to her availability during Saturday visiting hours and need for volunteers.

Donation Policy – Andrew Jacobson, Chair asked about the donation policy for items dropped off. Nancy Maitland, Curator spoke to the donation policy and clarified that WTHHS does accept dropped off items and tries to contact the donor although not always possible and does not accept loans.

Names, forgotten locations, and communities in the Township – Andrew Jacobson, Chair spoke to a suggested project of putting up signage of nearly forgotten locations and communities in the Township. Debbie Kroetsch suggested completing this project as an anniversary project in the future. Andrew Jacobson, Chair stated more volunteers are needed to take on new projects.

5. Old Business

Emancipation Day Plaque Update – Andrew Jacobson, Chair informed the committee that Councillor Peter van der Maas received a quote of \$1,906.00 including taxes for an 18” x 24” plaque with 100 words of text, the post mount would be \$250.00 and Councillor Peter van der Maas volunteered to install. Andrew Jacobson, Chair stated that the brass plaque would cost over \$2,000.00 but will last longer and would be consistent with the Township and Provincial historical plaques. Mr. Jacobson, Chair spoke to the storm water ponds plaques in the Township.

6. Heritage Committee

Non-Designated Register Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator informed the committee that the Township has sent the cheque to Marg Rowell for her work done on describing architectural features of several properties in the register. Ms. Maitland, Curator provided an update stating that the Township has a co-op student that will be working with the committee to gather information on the nine previously designated properties.

Zoeger House Designation Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator provided an updated, stating someone from the Heritage Foundation might have to be brought in to discuss this further with the property owner.

7. Chair Report – Andrew Jacobson, Chair

- Nancy Maitland, Curator and Andrew Jacobson, Chair attended the Council meeting on August 31, 2021 where Council appointed Mr. Jacobson as Chair of WTHHS.
- New member – Robert Nyman

8. Curator’s Report – Nancy Maitland, Curator

- Robert Nyman is working on two projects
- Received photos and information about the Berdux family
- Wendy Richardson from Community Unity would like to donate an afghan to the committee
- Received a request for information from New Zealand through Wellesley Roots
- Wrote an article for Embracing Change about the Huber Cider Mill Explosion
- Completing research and writing for the Wilmot Post and will be starting to write a regular column
- Received a free subscription to the Wilmot Post
- Received a few research questions; one regarding the Bean Tombstone. The information has been added to the website
- Doors Open Waterloo Region did a feature of the Bean Tombstone and that link will be added to the WTHHS website
- Received a request regarding information from a tax assessment roll from 1940. This information is stored in the basement of the Council Chambers; will find someone to get this information or get someone to take the requester to the Council Chambers.
- Received a request from someone who brought property on Herrgott Road regarding the history of the property. The Township has never owned the property and there has never been a park there.
- The Region of Waterloo has a driving tour that deals with the Township of Wellesley; that link has been added to the website
- Added the places of worship and Crosshill virtual exhibits to the website; still has to complete the Crosshill School virtual exhibit
- Web statistics: Year to date monthly averages: 330 users per month; 425 sessions; and the average is 1321 page views per month

Moved: Dave Holzschuh Seconded by: Diane Peters

That the WTHHS approve the purchase of supplies for the amount of approximately \$289.00 + tax and shipping.

9. Financial Report

Andrew Jacobson, Chair provided the heritage society and historical society cash balances and subsequent to the meeting Nancy Maitland submitted the petty cash amount:

Heritage Society	\$8,671.25
Historical Society	\$1,512.83
Petty Cash	\$109.32
Total	\$10,293.40

10. Other Business – None

11. Next Meeting: Monday October 18, 2021 - 2:00 pm

Moved by: Andrew Jacobson Seconded by: Dave Holzschuh
That the WTHHS meeting does now adjourn at 2:59 pm.

Carried