

# WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

**Monday, September 19, 2022; 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; Amy Harron, Secretary; Deborah Kroetsch; Garry Peters; Diane Peters; Martin Starr; Kevin Hackett; Peter van der Maas; Carol Gregory; and Sarah Austin.

**1. Call to order** – Andrew Jacobson, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:59pm.

**2. Minutes from last meeting** – May 16, 2022

Moved by: Kevin Hackett Seconded: Peter van der Maas

That the WTHHS committee approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting as presented.

*Carried*

**2. Delegations** - none

**3. Communications** - Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt sent this link to information about the “6 Entrepreneurs of Heidelberg” who had been inducted into the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame <https://regionofwaterloomuseums.ca/en/visit/2022-hall-of-fame-inductees.aspx#Six-Community-Entrepreneurs-of-Heidelberg>

## **4. New Business**

- Survey Results and Recommendations (report attached)
  - Nancy Maitland provided an update on the survey that was sent to members. Nancy thanked Andrew for sourcing the survey software
  - Response of 21 members, 71% response rate.
  - Purpose of the survey was to create a list of voting members to achieve quorum, nine members volunteered for the seven positions. Of the nine volunteers seven are available on Wednesdays. They are Andrew Jacobson, Martin Starr, Diane Peters, Carol Gregory, Peter van der Maas, Kevin Hackett. Nancy Maitland
  - Clarification was provided that our meeting participation can exceed seven members but only the seven designated members can vote.
  - Will reduce our schedule to five meetings a year.
  - Recommend meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
  - Meetings will continue to be over Zoom.
  - Social media committee volunteers are Andrew Jacobson, Peter van der Maa, Beth Leales, Sarah Voigt
  - Nancy will maintain the website and newsletter

Moved by: Peter van der maas

Seconded by: Deborah Kroetsch

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society approves the meeting date change to the second Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, September and November at 2:00p.m.

*Carried*

## **2023 Meeting Schedule**

- January 11

- March 8
- May 10
- September 13
- November 8
  
- Apple Butter and Cheese Festival – Saturday, September 24
  - Andrew Jacobson will be at the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival to speak with people

## 5. Old Business

- Heidelberg Plaque Unveiling, September 17
  - This past Saturday the plaque unveiling was done, Counsellor Carl Smit and MP Tim Louis were present.
  - Several people related to the Hahns come to the event, Gloria Schott-Hahn and Rita Hahn spoke and revealed the plaque.
  - Nancy said she would write to Lisa Stemmler from Stemmlers Meat and Cheese of Heidelberg who donated packages of pepperettes, Steve Jantzi from Wellesley Apple Cider Mill for donating apple cider and Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt, for coming out Saturday and providing the history of the family.
  - Peter van der Maas noted that the event was very successful, and this is an opportunity to share information and engage people in the committee. Adding that the township can share the dates of these events on the township social media pages.
  - Carol Gregory suggested that formal recognition for Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt would be appropriate.
  
- Nancy Maitland requested the committee purchase a table for use at events in the future.

Moved by: Carol Gregory

Seconded by: Kevin Hackett

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society approves the purchase of a table for use by the committee at future events.

*Carried*

## 6. Heritage Committee

- Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties – Update
  - Nancy Maitland provided an update on the work being completed by Marg Rowe.
  - Nancy Maitland will continue the work on the project.
  
- 2086 Perth Line 56 House Renovation
  - Renovation was approved by Township Council in June.

## 7. Chair Report – Andrew Jacobson, Chair

- Andrew Jacobson said that he attended the Heidelberg storyboard unveiling and that it was a great event. Andrew added that he would like the opportunity to MC an event like this in the future.

## 8. Curator's Report – Nancy Maitland, Curator

- Number of research questions, Rushes Cemetery, looking for house history, and family members
- Visited Marg Rowell a number of times throughout the summer about her work on the non-designated heritage register
- Wrote a report on the survey results

- Grace Kosch asked for significant dates in Wellesley Township history
- Wrote articles for Embracing Change magazine, received the cover photo for the July issue
- Writing another article around Remembrance Day, Nancy will work with Barb Nowak and Beth Schlueter for the article. Have been offered cover photo in November again.
- a Glaister family member has contacted Nancy for information
- Julie Schnurr donated a number of items, including a doll and will be featured in the newsletter
- Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt wrote some articles in 1986 about Wellesley cider mills and smoke houses and is donating her photos to the collection
- In anticipation of the unveiling, she reprinted walking tours and membership forms

Moved by: Deborah Kroetsch

Seconded by: Peter van der Maas

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society approves the expenses of the library's subscription to *Canada's History* and office supplies for reimbursement to Nancy Maitland. Total \$226.83.

*Carried*

Moved by: Carol Gregory

Seconded by: Kevin Hackett

That the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society approves the purchase of envelopes and other office supplies by Nancy Maitland.

*Carried*

## 9. Financial Report

Andrew Jacobson, Chair provided the heritage society and historical society cash balances:

Heritage Committee	\$8,770.52
Historical Society	\$1,371.73
Petty Cash	\$117.25
Koehler Estate Fund	\$354,359.63
Koehler Estate GIC	\$300,000.00
Total	\$364,619.13

Debbie Kroetsch asked how much did the plaque cost?

Peter van der Maas responded approximately \$3500.

Nancy Maitland added that a 50% deposit of \$1893.50 was made in June

Nancy Maitland stated that the next plaque unveiling would be the Dewar Bridge and it will take place in the spring.

## 10. Other Business – None

## 11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 - 2:00 pm

Moved by: Carol Gregory

Seconded by: Deborah Kroetsch

That the WTHHS meeting does now adjourn at 2:50 pm.

*Carried*