

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, JANUARY 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Peter van der Maas

1. Call to order - 7:30 p.m. (Nancy)

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2015

- moved by Carol/Beth that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Municipal Heritage Register - the list of properties of historical interest compiled earlier by Ron Hackett and Sarah Peck was very extensive and needs to be narrowed down; Carol agreed to help with this project; Nancy will check to see if the list of properties for potential heritage designation which was compiled in the 1990s is still in the collection

- deaccessioning - Nancy contacted Conrad Grebel College about the old Mennonite magazines which do not fit with our Collection Mandate, but these were already in their collection and they have been deaccessioned from our holdings; we still need to consider the old office machines from the township; Nancy will contact Wilmot Township to see if they are interested in the milk can from New Dundee Creamery

- constitution and by-laws - it was agreed that these need to be simplified to reflect the current situation; Diane submitted some suggestions and Nancy will go through them. She and Diane will have a draft ready for our next meeting

- Nancy passed on information regarding Jane's Walks to Peter; there was discussion regarding offering similar walks in the town of Wellesley - Peter and Ross will identify residents who could provide information about the town's history and arrange to interview them

- marketing WTHHS - Beth and Nancy will work on setting up a Facebook page

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Carol reported that there is \$1498.59 in the Heritage Society chequing account. There is also a GIC for \$6745.64, now maturing December 27, 2017, + \$88.35 in accrued interest

- Diane reported that there is \$2050.65 in the Historical Society chequing account (no change).

Motion by Garry/Peter that Beth Lealess take over from Diane Peters as Treasurer for the Historical Society. Carried.

The signing authority form will need to be changed at CIBC in Wellesley. A petty cash fund report should be included with the Treasurer's Report and Nancy will pass on this information at every meeting.

6. Communications

- Grand River Conservation Authority Heritage Day event *Roots and Shoots: The Founding of Dumfries Township* will be held in Cambridge on Friday, February 12 - Nancy passed around information
- Lindsay Benjamin emailed Nancy regarding a talk by Robert Shipley on “The Economics of Heritage Development, on February 3, 2016, which is to be given to members of the KW Association of Realtors; members of heritage societies are being invited to attend; Nancy will send further information by email

7. Curator’s Report

- Nancy contacted the township office and Grace Kosch said there is no concern about conflict of interest if she serves as chair of the Historical Society as well as its curator
- website statistics - 2015 monthly average is 1194 page views
- names of people identified in school photographs have been added to the website under the schools involved
- Nancy has been in contact again with Dave Holzschuh regarding a donation of family photos; these have already been scanned
- Nancy has been contacted regarding a potential donation of documents and objects at the Wellesley fire hall
- two research requests were received since the last meeting
- Nancy has prepared a press release on the Ottmann family photographs in the collection for release during Heritage Week, which begins with Family Day on February 15th

8. New Business

- the curator’s contract needs to be renewed for 2016 - motion by Garry/Carol that Nancy Maitland’s contract be renewed for 15 hours per month, with compensation subject to the same cost-of-living increase that Township councillors receive. Carried.
Peter will bring the issue to Council and Nancy will attend to present a report on work done in 2015.

9. Next Meeting - Monday, February 29th, 2016, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. (moved by Carol/Peter).