

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MARCH 22, 2009

The Epsom Historical Association met at the Epsom Public Library Community Room on March 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. with President TJ Rand presiding.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was given. There is a balance of \$3,325.77 in the checking account. \$256.77 in the savings account, and \$729.35 in the "meeting house" fund.

Cookbook Committee: This committee has recently been meeting weekly. The recipe for recipe submission is April 1; recipes may be sent to Carole Brown or to the library. Graphics for the covers and recipe sections are nearly finalized.

Membership: there are currently 95 members. 13 memberships are due for renewal, and 11 memberships were new this month.

Town Reports are wanted for: 1846 and prior, 1851, 1854, 1859, 1965-68, 1871-78, and 1882.

Work is resuming at the "old library": The Trustees will refinish the floors. EHA will repair ceilings. Target date for completion is end of summer 2009, hoping to open in the fall.

There is a photograph of John Benjamin Sanborn on Ebay. This gentleman was born in 1826. The current bid is \$515.

"Mystery house photo": A photo was displayed of a house on the hill going to New Rye, past Dick Fowler's; it does not appear on the 1852 or 1892 maps. Any information will be appreciated.

Website: photographs of the town's graveyards/tombstones have been redone and enlarged. 5,000 images have been enhanced. TJ is now scanning the town reports onto the website; they will be searchable.

Meetinghouse Update: Dick Frambach updated information. Work is being done to get plumbing and electric up to code. LCHIP funds can be used only for the building. Funds are needed for septic and parking lot costs. Additional grants will be written. The idea of geo-thermal heating for the whole complex funded by new federal funds will be explored. Volunteer professional labor is needed, as are discounts on materials, etc. Some landscape materials will hopefully be donated by a business in Hopkinton.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

The program this date was a presentation by Tom Graham, Historian of the NH National Guard. He discussed the role of NH citizens in the battles of Ft. William and Mary, Bunker Hill, Lexington and Concord, Ma., and Bennington, Vt.

On May 1, 2009, a special presentation will be repeated, co-sponsored by the library. It will be a repeat of Epsom's early history, presented by Carleton Rand, followed by later history presented in October.

The next meeting of the Association will be May 17, 2009, focusing on the history of Epsom as revealed in old newspaper articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Heck
Secretary