

MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2025

Attending – David Dauphin, Bruce Murphy, Karen Hastings, Sarah Jones, Denise Twining, Deb Reilly, Angy Lombara, and Tom Hastings

Next meeting: July 15, 2025 at the Museum at 6:30

Secretary's Report

The minutes of May 20, 2025 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$26,136.28
Credits:	
Casino Fundraiser	18,905.56
Debits:	
Ellis Construction	<u>-13,000.00</u>
Ending balance	\$32,042.14

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Casino Report and Fundraising

We received a check from the Casino in the amount of \$18,905.86.

We submitted another grant application to More Than a Thrift Store. David will drop off a copy of a Gilsum Vittles cookbook and a coloring book along with the following statement:

The Gilsum Historical Society, located in Gilsum, NH, with a population of about 740 residents owns three buildings, the Town Hall Museum, the Wright's Blacksmith Shop and the historic Firehouse. Through the Town's annual Rock Swap, the Historical Society raises money with a bake sale during the two day event. Proceeds go to support yearly operating costs but doesn't cover any major expenses or repairs. The Town budget is set up for operating the necessary Town items but there isn't a line for the Historical Society. After several years of fundraising and budgeting, we are painting the Old Town Hall Museum along with the Firehouse, both located at 25 Main Street this year. Our estimate for this job is \$26,000 which includes scraping and disposal of loose lead based paint, one coat of oil based primer and two coats of white paint.

The Gilsum Historical Society feels it is important to follow our mission statement which includes being the custodians for the three historic buildings. We are asking you to consider our application, completed on-line, to help us with this major project and to prepare for future projects.

We have greatly appreciated your support for the past two years. Thank you for considering us again this year.

Deb mentioned that perhaps we could ask if we would be able to do the Orchard Hill pizza fundraiser in East Alstead.

Potential Bakers:

Karen will send an additional email to the following people:

Carol Ballou - ggilsum@aol.com

Barbara Bryce – bbryce17@gmail.com

Nancy Mitchell – nancy.mitchell145@gmail.com

Carol Mattern - cmgilsum@gmail.com

Elizabeth Rymes

Jane Wing – jeswing29@yahoo.com

Hailey Hrabovsky – gilsum@gilsum-nh.gov

Theresa Louder – tmag137@aol.com

Heidi – heidibukoski@gmail.com

Break down after Rock Swap (people that are working at the time will probably help out)

Use of Blacksmith Shop:

We have a new foundation, the grass is growing, windows have been reglazed and painted, roof is done. We are waiting for Clem to sand floors so the powder post beetles can be treated.

Speakers – rec committee might be willing to donate for a historical society speaker. Table until July.

Membership:

Welcome packets used to be sent out to each new resident of Gilsum. We need to update the literature to include the Town Hall building and the fire station. We need to update the photos too. Sarah will look into creating the new literature.

Building Committee

The museum and fire station is in the process of being painted. Karlene gave us a lawnmower for mowing of the museum, etc. We worked on the knotweed two times and disposed of it. If we keep the area mowed, hopefully we will keep the knotweed in check.

Dan and Wayne Graham are going to look at putting a gutter across the front of the museum to prevent rot.

Rock Swap

Opening and coverage

Set up: June 27 at 4:30

Jared, Tom & Karen, Angy & Jim, Bruce

Saturday: June 28 (10 – 5)

Ed Tessier

Sunday: June 29 (10 – 4)

Hanging quilts

Field Coverage

Saturday: 8:00 – David set up in tent
9:00 - 11:30 David
11:30 - 2:00 Deb, Denise
2:00 - 4:30 Karen, Ed

Sunday: 8:00 David set up
9:00 - 11:30 David
11:30 - 2:00 Deb, Karen
2:00 - 4:30 Sarah & Gabe

Break down: 4:30 PM

Summer Museum Hours

Saturdays 10 – noon –
July 12th – David & Bruce
July 26th – Tom & Karen
August 9th – Sarah & Gabe
August 23rd – Angy & Jim
September 6th -
September 20th -

Member input

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Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hastings
Secretary