MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2025

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

Next meeting:  October 21, 2025 at the Library at 6:30

Secretary’s Report

The minutes of August 19, 2025 were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Beginning balance $22,596.38

Credits:

 None

Debits:

Hanover Insurance Agency $ 347.00

Eversource 45.69

Clem’s Floor Sanding 800.00

 $1,192.69

Ending balance $21,403.69

Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Nomination Committee

Gabe, Tom and Bruce are the nominating committee. They will present the slate of officers at the next meeting.

Membership

We’d like to update our current paid and honorary members mailing list? We will look at this in November. Angy will send out an email to our list.

Building Committee Update

The Museum has been painted. If anyone wants to mow the lawn to keep the knotweed down, that would be good. The section next to the Museum in the right of way area has stones in it making it difficult to mow. Also, the neighbors blow their snow onto the Museum during the winter and their dog is pooping in the right of way area. Sarah will write a letter to the people about their dog pooping in the right away. David met with Dan Graham about the gutters on the Museum and diverting the runoff away from Joyce’s property. David said that we don’t want to flood Joyce’s property. Dan crawled under the beam at the entrance floor and accession room. Jonathan will paint the 3 sides of the fire house, if not this year, then next. Blacksmith sign is done and up.

Building Foundation and Dead Trees

We have an estimate for the trees in the amount of $300 from McClure Tree. Foundation needs pointing.

Museum Dates and Coverage

Last open date was September 20. We had about 20 visitors during the summer and we were open two Saturdays per month.

Use of Blacksmith Shop

We need to get the items with wood on them from the firehouse back into the Blacksmith Shop. David will call J.P. Pest Services for an estimate to treat the powder post beetles.

Member Input

Scarecrow event is Sunday, October 12 at 1 PM with the rain date on the 19th. Bruce will bring juice, and Karen and Angy will bake. Sarah has the clothes. David said Jane Wing will arrange for the hay. We have zip ties, pins, bags, Gabe will let us use his pounder. Asley also has a pounder and extra posts that she will bring.

Humanities to Go update – they do have money again but they have also new procedures for booking speakers. The reservations are now going to be on a quarterly basis for two weeks per quarter. For instance November 1 to January 31st is the quarter covered with the reservation application period being October 1 to the 15th. After that its every 3 months. The application period is not open yet. If we partner with another community organization, such as the Library, and our budget is less than $250,000 we would qualify for the $300 reimbursement. We discussed having an event in the February, March and April quarter so we would have to apply in January. The Humanities Council are also asking people to reach out to people who may be interested in presenting individually. Karen will ask Tim about if he’d be interested in presenting to a Gilsum group.

Bruce indicated that he was approached by the Casino representatives to discuss whether the Historical Society is interested in continuing to participate in the Casino nights. Bruce indicated that he believed that we were interested.

After MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, we voted to continue our participation in the Casino fundraisers. All voted in favor.

Bruce will give Karen the name of the person to whom a letter should be written outlining the various projects that we were able to accomplish as a result of the funds we received from the Casino.

We should also look into pizza night at Orchard Hill Breadworks - Noah Alberts is owner of the school. The website is orchardhillbreadworks.com and the email address is noah@orchardhillbreadworks.com. Karen send an email to see how we can become part of the fundraising efforts. Reservation can be made on line.

Next meeting

October 21, 2025, 6:30 PM at the library.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hastings

Secretary

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