

MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2026

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

Next meeting: August 18, 2026 at the Museum at 6:30 PM

Motion made to accept the Joan and George Nichols biographies to add to our collection. All voted in favor. We should put a sticker on each book to identify George Nichols and Joan Nichols. We think that many townspeople will enjoy reading these books.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of June 16, 2026 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$20,883.73
Rock Swap Bake Sale gross earnings	2,183.00
Jaxon Maynard (mowing)	- 60.00
David Dauphin (Rock Swap supplies)	<u>- 97.92</u>
Ending balance	\$22,908.81

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Rock Swap

Thank you to all of the excellent bakers and helpers for Rock Swap 2026. We have to give the Rec Committee 10% of the \$2,183 proceeds less expenses. If we wanted to ask the Rec Committee to support a speaker or something along those lines, the Rec Committee may be willing to donate towards it.

Membership:

Angy sent out an email to our membership list to see if they still want to be members of the Historical Society. If so, they need to pay their dues.

Additional Speakers

We may ask someone to do a "pointing of a chimney" demonstration. We also need to see what is available from the Humanities Council. Tom met a woman at the Gilsum Village Store who gave him a card from a man named Tracy W. Messer. Mr. Messer is a Calvin Coolidge Reenactor. He may be interested in presenting at the Historical Society.

Cemeteries and aging population

Several years ago members of the Historical Society did oral history interviews with some older Gilsum residents to see what it was like to grow up in Gilsum. We also are trying to determine who the oldest person in Gilsum is so that they can be presented with the Town cane and have their name

put on the plaque. We will see if we can put an article in the next Gilsum Bridge to see if anyone can point us in the direction of who is the oldest person in Gilsum. The caption in the Gilsum Bridge would be along these lines "looking for the oldest person in Gilsum" in order to honor them with the Gilsum cane and have their name added to the plaque. We would also like to walk to the old "settlers" or "small pox" cemeteries in the fall.

Museum dates and coverage

Gabe & Sarah	July 25
Stephanie & Jared	August 8
Deb & Tom	August 22
Jim & Angy	September 12
Bruce & David	September 26

Member input

We need to write a letter to Jonathan Ellis about some paint peeling on the front of the building.

Karen will send a sympathy card to Edie Hasbrouck.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hastings
Secretary