

NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

Joint meeting of the Newbury Historical Commission Library Board of Trustee's began at 6:59 p.m.

HC Members present: Rebecca Fuller, Jan Forrest, Lon Hachmeister, Eva Jackman, and Rich Morin

Library Trustees: Dick Passeri, Terry Litterst, and Alexander Burke

Jean Ackerly, Library Director; Tracy Blaise, Town Administrator, Leslie Haley, Town Clerk

DISCUSSION

1. A discussion was held on local history resources. Dick Passeri, gave a brief overview of changes in Library staff, prior efforts that were started for organizing information in the Library and the ultimate goal of having all information available in one website for the Town.
2. Each group was asked what records they have. Leslie Haley, Town Clerk spoke of Town Hall written records from 1635 to present and the goal to have them all preserved and then available through LaserFische for direct, public access. First thing to be done was to have documents preserved.
3. Jean touch on requests received from the public for family history information and which group has the information available and how important it is for the Town to have a cohesive repository of readily available facts to respond to inquiries.
4. Alex Burke mentioned that the MOON is hoping to hire an archivist through a grant.
5. Finding a retired librarian/archivist for a minimal salary was discussed as well as getting an intern from Simmons or another college.
6. Questions were raised on getting grants for funding to assist.
7. Tracy suggested a line item could be put on the budget for Town Meeting if we can get a handle on exact needs for funds.
8. We were all asked to evaluate our resources and work on a plan to of what to needs to be digitized.
9. Jean requested that anyone has thoughts after the meeting to send her an e-mail.

The final goal is to have all records digitized and available to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historical Commission should be on Thursday, **November 11, 2021**. This meeting was adjourned at **6:24 p.m.**

Janice Forrest

Date of approval