

Board of Directors Meeting

May 25, 2023

Attendance: Kathleen Hoelzel, David Hoelzel, Linda Hoelzel, Art Wolinsky, Marge Desjardins, Betty Goldthwaite, Sally Paradis

Kathleen Hoelzel called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

NOTE: All By-Law changes will be voted on by the membership on Thursday, June 1st.

1. By-Laws – Terms of Office

The group discussed if we should have staggered terms of office for officers and board of directors or if we should keep the current 2-year term for all office holders and board of directors. Pros and cons of each were discussed.

Motion: By David Hoelzel, duly seconded by Marge Desjardins that the election section of the by-laws have five (5) officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer) elected every 2 years and five (5) board of directors elected in 2-year cycles. The board of directors' cycle would be three (3) directors elected in the first cycle and two (2) directors elected in the second cycle.

Motion voted in the Affirmative by all attending.

Current board of directors and when their terms of office ends is as follows:

Directors in the 1st cycle are Art Wolinsky, David Hoelzel and Betty Goldthwaite. These three (3) seats will be up for election in 2025.

Directors in the 2nd cycle are Dennis Garnham and Sally Paradis. These two (2) seats will be up for election in 2026.

2. Assistant Treasurer

There was discussion about the Assistant Treasurer being on the Board of Directors. It was the consensus of the group that the Assistant Treasurer should be on the board.

3. By-Laws – Accounts

The by-laws state that we can have two (2) banking accounts. We currently have three (3). We have the main Checking Account, the Gile School Account and the Brick Account.

One suggestion was to have two (2) accounts, the Checking Account and the Brick Account. The Gile School Account would be eliminated. Art Wolinsky suggested the simplest thing is to have just one account. Kathy Hoelzel suggested closing the Gile School and Brick accounts and putting everything into the Checking Account. The treasurer will keep track of the Gile School, Brick and any other donations.

Motion: By Art Wolinsky, duly seconded by David Hoelzel to change the by-laws as follows:

The Raymond Historical Society, Inc. shall maintain one banking account in its name for all financial transactions related to the Society's operations, including but not limited to deposits, payments and investments. All funds received by the society from fundraising events, general donations and other sources shall be deposited into the account. The Society's operating expenses shall be recommended annually by the Budget Committee. The funds to be used for the annual Gile School Scholarship(s) shall be recommended by the Program Committee and approved by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Society. All decisions requiring financial expenditures will be governed by the same rules and procedures as the Raymond Historical Society.

Motion voted in the Affirmative by all attending.

4. Alarm System

At the last member meeting someone asked why the alarm system only had a silent alarm and not an audible alarm. If someone was trying to break into the building an audible alarm might scare them off. Our current silent alarm sends a notice to the Police Dept. and they respond. Art Wolinsky brought up that with a silent alarm anyone trying to break in would take their time if they didn't hear an audible alarm and might get caught in the act of breaking in. Someone asked if we would get a better insurance rate with an audible alarm.

Kathy Hoelzel will call the insurance company to see if we could get a better rate with an audible alarm.

5. Treasurer's Report – Month of May, 2023

Gile School	1,516.00
Brick Account	8,862.13
Checking Account	<u>23,637.17</u>
	34,015.30

Income:

Snow Plowing	55.20
Dues	100.00
Donations (Reunion)	345.00
Whistle	3.00

Total 503.20

Expenses:

Eversource	57.04
Alarm System	975.00
Phone	54.74
Marge (supplies SB/Reunion)	227.28

Total 1,314.06

Current Balance Checking Account: 22,826.31

6. Scholarship

We need better guidelines for the scholarship that is handled by the Program Committee.

7. Grout Farm Property Tour

Pat and Mike? Edwards have offered a tour of the Grout Farm Property to any interested members. We will ask Terri Dolan to check with the Edwards to see when this could be done.

8. Society Open Weekends

The Train Depot will be open weekends from 12:00 - 3:00 starting May 27th. Marge will be selling ice cream, hotdogs and soda.

9. Programming

We need to discuss programs for the membership meetings.

10. School Tour

The kids were wonderful and they had a great time. The highlight of the day was the cookies!

11. A big thank you goes out to Mike Quintal, Geri Rauich and Ray and Ann Minor for all their hard work selling raffle tickets.

Motion: By Art Wolinsky, duly seconded by Marge Desjardins to adjourn the May 25, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion voted in the Affirmative by all attending.

The May 25th meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hoelzel