

THS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2026

Attendees: Chris Barnacoat, Vicki Brunelle, Alex Eberhardt, Matt Evans, Ben Jaehne, Nia Raine, Patrick Raine, Karen Rapoza, Bill Rideout, Jock Snaith  
Via Zoom: MaryJane Churchville ( Site Administrator)  
Members: Eileen Barnacoat, Bill Dolerian

Meeting called to order at 7:11pm.  
Minutes from 3/9 approved with changes.

**Motion made by Jock to accept minutes, Bill 2nd, passed unanimously.**

**SITE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: MaryJane Churchville**

- Discussion regarding the three buildings, (Hart Library, Reading Room, and the Methodist Church). To clarify, last month, THS directors stated we are interested in these buildings. No conclusion was reached as to how we can incorporate them in THS, only a discussion on the building's potential impact on the community.
- Nia will take on the project, which is open-ended, of taking pictures of any new items for future meetings.
- Chris discussed the deaccession of a fireman's uniform due to poor condition and the accession of a girl's dress from Paula Colby Miller.

**Motion made by Bill to deaccession the fireman's uniform and accession the girl's dress, 2nd by Chris, passed unanimously.**

**Treasures Report:** Bill (report included)

Bill provided the report noting:

- The total assets are just over \$496k, and income of about \$50k.
- Investment losses of \$14K due to the stock market drop
- Raised over \$5K for the 250th celebration, with additional grants expected

**Motion made by Bill to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Chris, passed unanimously.**

**Membership: Bill**

- Stated 8 new members which Bill will add to PP. A reminder membership notice will be sent out soon.
- Lindsay Morand will be available at the Senior Ctr.
- Nancy Janeliunas has access to PP.
- Bill stated that 10 others can be editors to PP

**Collections: Bill**

- Thank you to Robert, MaryJane, and Eileen for their work. A detailed Action Plan will be in use once we can use the Toomey bldg. Eileen is posting all pics on FB, and includes educational and outreach programs. She will also add THS info to Townsend's "What's Going On" fb page. Nia stated she could add old photos, but needs to have Robert add pics to PP.

### **Education and Community Outreach: Chris**

- Chris discusses MaryJane's attendance at a webinar on historic restoration, the preparation of a list of certified contractors.
- Once again, THS will offer 2 \$600 scholarships to 2 candidates, both from Townsend, one for NMRHS, one for Monty Tech. The scholarships will be awarded on Award's night, at which time pictures will be taken of the recipients
- Stated THS brought in over \$800 selling our 2026 calendar. Plan to do one for 2027, focusing on our new OHV buildings.

### **Motion made by Bill to have THS approve the spending of \$1,200 on the 2 scholarships. Jock 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.**

- Eileen stated that students are going around the different departments, explaining the Time Capsule Project.

### **Annual Meeting: Chris**

- Suggests the Annual Meeting be November 8th, with the focus being on a light-hearted presentation by Bill May, author of American Boomer.

### **Motion made by Bill to approve Bill May as the speaker for the annual meeting, 2nd by Jock, passed unanimously.**

### **Building/Grounds Report: Jock (report included)**

- The Conservation Commission Permission will work on the exterior sides of the Cooperage. More information needed to repair the south side, by the river.
- Reed Homestead steps will be reset within the next two weeks.
- Jock gave a big thank you to Beverly who has secured funding from her brother Rob for 100 feet of fencing for the front yard of the Reed Homestead, with work to start this summer.

### **REED HOUSE**

- The border around the parlor rug will be painted, concluding work in the parlor.
- The Keeping Room floor will be painted to match the original color, and the ceiling white. No work to the walls or trim is needed.
- The bathroom floor will be oiled, and wallpapered (waiting for estimate).

### **Motion by Jock to hire Gerry Murray for \$500 to paint the bathroom floor, ceiling, and parlor floor. Bill 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.**

### **HARBOR CHURCH:**

- Jock stated that Jen Fors and Rob Zimmerman will be setting up a website for the Harbor Church, with the maintenance fees to be \$29 or \$49 per month, depending on the work load.
- Gary Shepherd will be working on the "holding tank" next week, heading toward the septic system.

### **Grant and Newsletter : Nia**

- Applied for 2 grants, one responded no, and one is pending
- Newsletters are being worked on
- Need to decide where the President's letter will be included in the newsletter to avoid redundancy
- Eileen reviewed wallpaper pics with Jerrilyn

### **Program and Special Events: Karen**

- Discussed the progress of the Potluck Supper event and the involvement of the high school students.
- Chris stated the vendors for the Arts and Crafts fair are coming in slow but steady. We need volunteers to help set up on the day of the fair. Due to the VFW ceremony, set up will need to be early on Saturday morning.

### **Finance/Fundraising/IT: Ben/Patrick (the detailed committee report is attached)**

- Compiled commonly used grant application materials
- Created a grant tracker spreadsheet with leads, application tracker and more
- Submitted: 1) Strategic Design project for THS and OHV  
2) JW Couch Fdn: (Toomey House: restoration of roof, siding and HVAC) \$93,500.  
3) Freedom's Way 250 Grant - THS 250th event 6/20/26, \$2,300
- IT: A THS society member has volunteered to conduct a review of THS's current IT infrastructure and provide recommendations.

**Motion made by Bill to have the THS member conduct the IT infrastructure and provide recommendations to the board. Jock 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.**

### **Police Details and Donations: Bill D.**

- Making inquiries about auxiliary police volunteering, and Bill R. mention porta potties being donated by Arrow Septic and service by Dee Bus.

**NEXT MEETING: May 11th, 7pm, at the Townsend Water Dept**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.**

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jock 2nd, passed unanimously.