

# The Woodbury Historical Society

Rushmore Memorial Building  
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WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages  
August 3, 2024

**Officers and Trustees present:** Alex Prizgintas, Neil Crouse, Millicent Treloar, Walt Stanfield Jr., Bill Doyle, June Menkens, Viktor Prizgintas, Bob McCue, Joanne Calore, Arlene Maher (10 of 14, a quorum).

**Meeting was called to order** by President Alex Prizgintas with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**Minutes** of the June 1, 2024 meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. No corrections were noted. Viktor Prizgintas motioned to approve, Bill Doyle seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 6/30/24 was \$38,498.82. Line overview attached. Report approved by all after no discussion or corrections. Millicent Treloar motioned to approve, seconded by Joanne Calore. All approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

Cemetery – No updates.

Collections – In late June, WHS received a donation of extensive materials from descendants of Ethan I. Dodds, a mechanical engineer and acclaimed inventor of railroad equipment (d. 1943, age 70, NYT obituary). He was patronized by E.H. Harriman, who provided him with both a home and a laboratory in Central Valley. Dodds held more patents than Thomas Edison. The collection includes sketches/blueprints, correspondences, patents in bound books, and some prototypes, including a handheld electric saw. This is likely the largest Dodds archive in existence.

Gatehouse (GH) – Cleanup and repainting completed.

- Joanne has installed air conditioning units in both the GH and carriage house.
- The July 14, 2024 GH “soft opening,” featuring a talk in the carriage house about Orange County Trolleys by Ray Kelly, was a great success with some 30 attendees, a full house.
- The July 29 GH outdoor joint library reading program was attended by some 70 people.
- The GH might hold a September event, a picnic or library children’s program.
- Joanne has foundational display items up for viewing in the GH permanent-exhibit Proctor and Military rooms and will continue to fill out those displays.
- She anticipates an official GH reopening open house in November with a Callahan Christmas in the “rotating exhibits” room.
- Joanne now has access to Town GH website area.
- GH security not yet fully set up.

Membership – There are roughly 118 member names (individuals/families/businesses) as of August 3, including Woodbury Common Premium Outlets among other new corporate sponsors.

Public Relations/Publications – WHS continues to receive prominent attention in local newspapers and on Facebook (monthly stats attached). Traffic to the website has increased. The next WHS Newsletter is anticipated for late August or early September.

Scholarship – Winners are: Kirk-Jonathan Varghese; Galberd-Jaydon Rombo

Calendar – An initial layout is done. It needs some graphics scaling, additional text entries and another round of corrections. A completion date before December is anticipated. A budget and suggested donation/sale price are not established. Alex will call Desiree to resolve outstanding questions about sales or requested donation.

## **Old Business:**

The July 27 Rushmore building open house, commemorating 100 years of operation– This event was held between 10:30 AM and 3 PM. People came and went over the entire time. NYS Assemblyman Chris Eachus presented a commemorative anniversary proclamation and several members of the Town board stopped by wearing 1920s

costumes, arriving in vintage cars courtesy of a local classic car club. Police were there for a time for traffic control. Strong interest was expressed in the WHS having an annual open house at the Rushmore building.

**New Business:**

WHS Annual Events – Three 2024 events are anticipated to continue annually:

- 1) “50 Items that Tell the Story of Southeastern Orange County”;
- 2) The Rushmore Building Open House; and
- 3) The December Toy Train Legacy Show.

Upcoming programming –

- Stuart McGregor: talk on Tuxedo Park History and the Wee Wah Beach Club is possible for the spring of 2025.
- Tony Musso: Madams, Mobsters, and Murders of the Hudson Valley will be the featured talk at the WHS annual meeting on Sunday November 10, Senior Center, 2 PM. A speaker fee of \$125 was approved by all, motioned by Neil Crouse, seconded by Arlene Maher.
- The 2024 Toy Train Legacy Show is scheduled for Sunday December 1, Senior Center 12 to 4:30 PM.

Next Newsletter: Anticipated to be mailed at the end of August or early September. The feature article will be Woodbury Falls: Then and Now.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned. Joanne Calore motioned, seconded by Bob McCue. All approved.

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## Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

June 30, 2024

Gatehouse Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	148.31
Deposits	\$	140.00	
Transfers	\$	500.00	
Expenses	\$	(160.43)	
Ending Balance		\$	627.88

Gatehouse Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	6,908.35
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	(500.00)	
Interest	\$	3.20	
Ending Balance		\$	6,411.55

Historical Society Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	913.90
Deposits	\$	320.00	
Transfers	\$	-	
Expenses	\$	(77.95)	
Ending Balance		\$	1,155.95

Historical Society Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	24,335.94
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	11.03	
Ending Balance		\$	24,346.97

Scholarship Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	5,335.85
Deposits	\$	620.00	
Bounced Check/Bank Fee	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	0.62	
Ending Balance		\$	5,956.47

<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>38,498.82</b>
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# Monthly Facebook Stats


## Page overview

 Create a post




Last 28 days

From Aug 2, 2024

## Discovery

 Post reach	24,076
 Post engagement	6,545
 New Page likes	8
 New Page Followers	16

## Interactions

 Reactions	1,608
 Comments	136
 Shares	233
 Photo views	1,830
 Link clicks	61

## Other

 Hide all posts	1
 Unfollows	0

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