

# The Woodbury Historical Society

Rushmore Memorial Building  
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WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages  
March 9, 2024

**Officers and Trustees present:** Alex Prizgintas, Neil Crouse, Millicent Treloar, Leslie Rose, Walt Stanfield Jr., Joanne Calore, Bob McCue, Bill Doyle, June Menkens, Viktor Prizgintas, Fred Lindlaw (11 of 14, a quorum).  
**Others present:** Lisa Hintze, Village of Woodbury Climate Smart Taskforce, Irma Escallier, Village of Harriman Historian.

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

**Minutes** of the January 6, 2024 meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. Two corrections were noted: total memberships were about 110 as of January 6, not 150. Lisa Hintze let us know that the name of the Highland Mills beekeeper is Richard Sullivan, not “Dan.” Viktor Prizgintas motioned to approve, June Menkens seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer’s report** was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 2/29/24 was \$38,682.85. Line overview attached. Report approved by all after no discussion or corrections. Joanne Calore motioned to approve, seconded by Fred Lindlaw.

## **Committee Reports:**

Cemetery – No updates.

Collections – WHS received an additional artifact (church honor roll) from Bill Doyle and some items, including an original Gasho menu, from the Hunter family. The reorganization of deeds is completed, and reorganizations continue with other documents and artifacts.

Gatehouse (GH) – Work on reopening is progressing:

- GH interior painting will begin soon, with warmer temperatures allowing open windows, then the carpet will be cleaned.
- Joanne has contacted the Proctor theater in Schenectady, NY, the only Proctor theater remaining in operation, for Proctor related information.
- Display items and layout underway for the GH Proctor room; initial ideas are sketched out for a “Military/GH post-Proctoria room, a seasonal exhibit room, and the Carriage House Media Center. Plans are to open the GH exhibits, possibly in phases, starting in 2024, with flexible order and timing as details develop. Displays will have fragile items in the cases and feature hands-on objects for visitors to examine.

Membership – There are roughly 115 member names (individuals/families/businesses) as of March 9; some 38 renewals for 2024.

Public Relations/Publications – WHS postings on Facebook have received substantial visibility, with some items attaining a “reach” in the thousands. The WHS website is 95% updated.

Scholarship – Applications are due April 6. Interviews will follow and award recipients will be selected by the end of April, the MWSD reporting deadline.

Calendar – Assigned committee roles are: Leslie and Joanne will make a list of significant historical developments/dates; Bob McCue will provide content (photos and captions); Millicent will proofread.

## **Old Business:**

The April 28, 2024 (noon to 4PM, Senior Center) “50 Items that Tell the Story of Southeastern Orange County” event – Some 10 historical organizations have committed to participate. Categorization of items is underway; examples are dairy farming and railroads.

The “NYS Pollinators: What’s All the Buzz About Plants” presentation – This is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Earl Reservoir Community Center, starting at 2PM. Richard Sullivan, a Highland Mills beekeeper, and Lisa Hintze from the Village of Woodbury Climate Smart Taskforce will be presenters, with no speaker fees. Lisa

is making arrangements to add a third speaker, a pollination expert, Dr. Anne Wibiralske (sp?), PhD, who has requested a fee of \$125. All approved this speaker fee, following a motion by Leslie Rose, seconded by Viktor Prizgintas.

July events (2) – To commemorate the Rushmore Building turning 100-years-old in 2024, WHS will hold an extended open house on Saturday, July 27, 2024, approximately from 10:30AM to 3PM, with selected photos and artifacts on display. And, the “Orange County Trolleys” talk at the GH Carriage House was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 2PM.

**New Business:**

Storage of train show display hardware and equipment – WHS will pay John and Dina Kassel a \$100 storage expense for the year. Motion by Millicent Treloar, second by Walt Stanfield Jr. All approved.

WHS Brochures – A reprint of the brochures is taking place; within Leslie’s budget.

New software – A new “publisher” software is in use for the WHS newsletters.

New copy machine – The WHS copy machine will need replacing in the next several months. Will look into the Town paying all or part of the cost of the new machine and WHS will pay ink/paper/ maintenance costs.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned. Viktor Prizgintas motioned, seconded by Bob McCue. All approved.

# Woodbury Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

February 29, 2024

Gatehouse Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	1,460.16
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Expenses	\$	(29.59)	
Ending Balance		\$	1,430.57

Gatehouse Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	6,894.67
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	3.27	
Ending Balance		\$	6,897.94

Historical Society Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	1,266.71
Deposits	\$	10.00	
Transfers	\$	-	
Expenses	\$	(889.86)	
Ending Balance		\$	386.85

Historical Society Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	25,286.20
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	12.02	
Ending Balance		\$	25,298.22

Scholarship Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	4,669.27
Deposits	\$	-	
Bounced Check/Bank Fee	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	-	
Ending Balance		\$	4,669.27

<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>38,682.85</b>
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Overview

*WHS has high & steady increase  
visibility on Facebook, per March 5 2024  
had Facebook analytics*

Tue, Mar 5

Performance

Reach 7,648 From organic 7,502 From ads 0

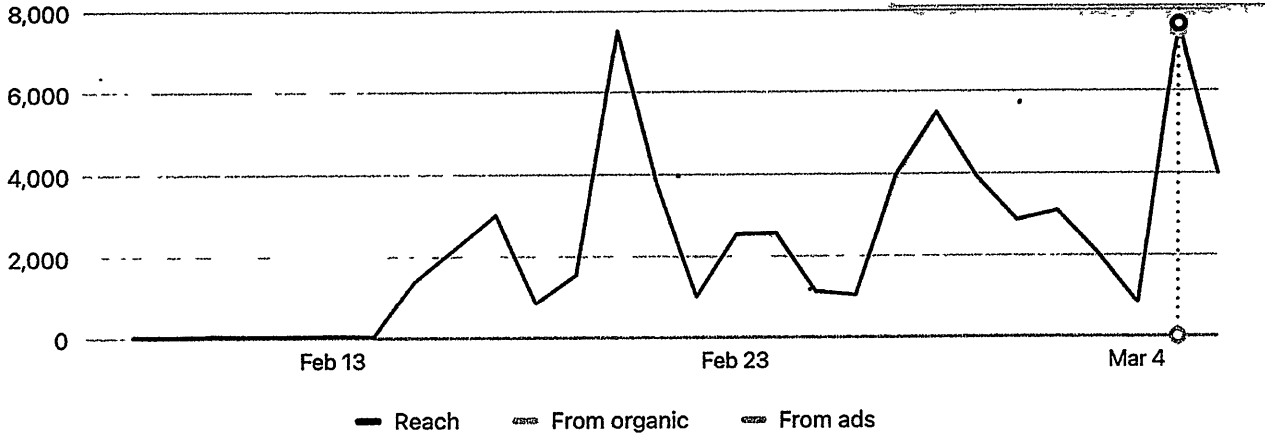
Reach **21.7K** ↑ 191.7%

Content interactions **4K** ↑ 399.4%

Followers **1.3K**  
Lifetime

**Top content by reach**  
Published on Mar 5

- A look at the southern end of Woodbury in... Reach 10.6K
- Reach --



**Reach breakdown**

Total **21,722** ↑ 191.7%

From organic **21,722** ↑ 204.2%

From ads **0** 0%

50 ITEMS THAT TELL THE STORY OF SOUTHEASTERN ORANGE COUNTY

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

OUR ITEMS (OR GROUPS)

Chester Historical Society

Arden House/Harriman Materials

Cornwall Historical Society

Business Ephemera

*Village*  
Harriman, Town of, Historian

Business Signage

Highland Falls Historical Society

Dairy Farming/Milk Bottles

Monroe Historical Society

*line*  
Fishing Rod Materials

Orange County Archaeological Chapter\*

Gasho Materials - *flashes*

Orange County Genealogical Society\*

Hotels/Tourism

Tuxedo Historical Society

School Desk/Materials

Warwick Historical Society

Railroad Materials

Woodbury Historical Society

Honor Rolls: Churches *Bell Doyle*  
*Freshington*