



# The Woodbury Historical Society

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WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages  
February 8, 2025

**Officers and Trustees present:** Alex Prizgintas, Millicent Treloar, Leslie Rose, Walt Stanfield Jr., Joanne Calore, Bob McCue, June Menkens, Viktor Prizgintas, Robert Anzalone, Arlene Maher (10 of 14, a quorum). Others present: John Kelemen, John Blair, Adonya Blair

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

**Minutes** of the September 14, 2024 meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. Minutes were approved by all after no discussion or corrections. Viktor Prizgintas motioned to approve, Walt Stanfield Jr. seconded.

**Minutes** of the November 10, 2024 Annual Meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. Minutes were approved by all after no discussion or corrections. June Menkens motioned to approve, Bob McCue seconded.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 1/31/25 was \$87,957.79. Line overview attached. A large donation was received in January 2025. See discussion under New Business. All approved. Millicent Treloar motioned to approve, seconded by Joanne Calore.

## **Committee Reports:**

Cemetery – No updates.

Collections – The microfilm machine is now operable to search old newspapers.

Gatehouse (GH) –

- The Fall joint library program was a success with more than 100 attendees.
- The Callahan Christmas was cancelled.
- The spring 2025 opening will feature a program honoring Dottie Morris.

Membership – 132 names (individuals/families/businesses) in February 2025; 39 are 2025 renewals. The membership increases by a few individuals each month.

Public Relations/Publications – A winter 2025 WHS newsletter is going to the printer shortly. WHS continues to have good relations with the Photo News, News 12 and other local outlets. The website is consistently updated. The most current three years of Newsletters will be posted at the website. Viktor Prizgintas noted that not all Newsletters will be posted at the website as the older editions automatically become research sources available at the Rushmore Memorial Library Building, without an access cost to members and with non-member fees applicable. A note to that effect to be added, in that area or another place, on the website.

Scholarship – Applications are due February 21, 2025. Close to 25 have been received as of February 8.

Calendar – 97 copies remain of the 200 original printing; donations so far amount to about \$1,725. Jay's Deli, the Central Valley Pharmacy, and Purple Goat Graphics local businesses made copies available to the public.

## **Old Business:**

2024 Toy Train Show – Some 250 to 300 people attended this event, which featured new layouts and a very popular repair café. Some ideas for the 2025 show include a display focused on railroading in Woodbury and a new area for “hands-on” interaction with old toys and equipment. Items here can be played with, broken, or taken by attendees.

## **New Business:**

2026 Calendar – Idea discussed was to provide the organizational histories of the police department and volunteer services: fire department and community ambulance (EMT).

Woodbury Beautification Committee Veteran Banner Applications – WHS will sponsor 4 banners at \$100 each: Walter Stanfield Sr., Herman Galberd, Lewis “Bud” Burgunder, Marion Hollenbeck. \$400 approved by all. Arlene Maher motioned, seconded by Robert Anzalone.

On-going Orange County “50” event– 2025’s “50 People Who Shaped Orange County” is set for Sunday April 27 from noon to 4 PM at the Senior Center. The event will feature some 10 to 12 historical society organizations; expected are last year’s participants: Highland Falls, Monroe, Tuxedo, Cornwall, Chester, Warwick, and Harriman plus Goshen and Middletown. Approved by all. Joanne Calorie motioned, seconded by Viktor Prizgintas.

WHS speaker programs – in planning stages are:

- A spring presentation from Stuart McGregor, Tuxedo Park History and the Wee Wah Beach Club.
- A second native plants, bees and butterflies program with Lisa Hintze from the Climate Smart Committee. The first program was presented in 2024.
- Alex will follow up with Barbara Hansen Cali about a talk on the Bear Mountain Bridge for the fall annual meeting.

New Trustee Status – All approved after motion by Viktor Prizgintas, seconded by Arlene Maher, to maintain Leslie Rose status a permanent trustee and designate her WHS archivist subsequent to her retirement as Woodbury Town Historian on December 31, 2024.

Major donations to WHS – In January 2025, WHS received \$50,000 in two special donations from long-time benefactor and town native, William Cavanagh, in addition to his normal, annual \$2,000 donation to the Gatehouse and \$75 for 3 calendars. A \$25,000 gift honors the contributions of Dottie Morris to both the Gatehouse and the Historical Society, to be split 50-50 between the accounts. A second gift of \$25,000 to the Historical Society honors Leslie Rose for her many years of service as the Town Historian. He would like the funds to be used for significant projects that would otherwise not be possible. Some ideas from WHS members are to have VHS tapes of documentaries converted to computer disc and online formats (with indexing) and digitizing (with indexing) images in the archives. WHS Treasurer, Desiree Potvin, needs board approval to invest the donated funds along with other monies in short-term bank CDs. All approved after motion by Millicent Treloar, seconded by Walt Stanfield Jr.

Outdoor signage – Item deferred to next board meeting in 2025.

#### **Announcements:**

The Town of Woodbury will restore the Tomas Estrada blue historic marker. New marker applications will be made for the Ethan I. Dodds home and the Gatehouse.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned. Viktor Prizgintas motioned, Joanne Calore seconded, all approved.

# Woodbury Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

January 31, 2025

Gatehouse Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	412.51
	Deposits	\$	100.00
	Transfers	\$	1,000.00
	Expenses	\$	(955.07)
Ending Balance		\$	557.44

Gatehouse Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	6,440.74
	Deposits	\$	14,500.00
	Transfers	\$	(1,000.00)
	Interest	\$	13.42
Ending Balance		\$	19,954.16

Historical Society Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	2,471.24
	Deposits	\$	310.00
	Transfers	\$	-
	Expenses	\$	(79.12)
Ending Balance		\$	2,702.12

Historical Society Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	22,452.75
	Deposits	\$	37,500.00
	Transfers	\$	-
	Interest	\$	40.40
Ending Balance		\$	59,993.15

Scholarship Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	4,650.72
	Deposits	\$	100.00
	Transfers	\$	-
	Interest	\$	0.20
Ending Balance		\$	4,750.92

**TOTAL CASH ON HAND**

**\$ 87,957.79**