



The Woodbury Historical Society

Rushmore Memorial Building
543 Route 32 • P.O. Box 30
Highland Mills, N.Y. 10930
(845) 928-6770

WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages
June 7, 2025

Officers and Trustees present: Alex Prizgintas, Millicent Treloar, Leslie Rose, Walt Stanfield, Jr., Bob McCue, Viktor Prizgintas, Robert Anzalone, Bill Doyle, Neil Crouse (9 of 14, a quorum). Others present: 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 March 29, 2025 meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. Minutes were approved by all after no discussion or corrections. Bill Doyle motioned to approve, Bob McCue seconded.

Treasurer's report was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 5/31/25 was \$87,702.87. Line overview attached. A note of clarification was made to the percent figures appearing in the leftmost column of the Certificate of Deposit section: the percentages shown reflect the CD asset amount split (appropriation) between the WHS and the GH. All approved. Millicent Treloar motioned to approve, seconded by Viktor Prizgintas.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – Neil Crouse reported that the Woodbury Community Association (WCA) is adopting maintenance tasks on behalf of the Town for the old cemetery next to the former Methodist (now Discovery) Church on RT 32 by Ridge Road.

Collections/Property Markers – No new collections. Applications for historic site markers for the GH and Dodds House were submitted to the state, about May 8. The process takes roughly 12 weeks.

Gatehouse (GH) –

- About 50 people, coming and going throughout the afternoon, attended the April 26 GH Season Open House honoring Dottie Morris.
- The May 17 Open House welcomed some 15-20 people coming and going over the afternoon; some had missed the April event and some were repeat visitors. Committee members were screening the content and quality of DVDs housed at the GH for media room showings. Visitors enjoyed choosing which DVDs to screen and participating in those screenings.
- Remaining open houses for the season are scheduled on Saturdays between the hours of 12 noon and 3 PM for June 14, July 19, August 16, September 13, October 11, and November 15 (Callahan Christmas).
- Joanne is pursuing co-sponsored events during the open houses with the library and other organizations.
- The committee members are rethinking having food donations for the Highland Mills Food Pantry at every GH open house or just at the Callahan Christmas.

Membership – 137 names (individuals/families/businesses) as of June 7, 2025; 97 are renewals. The membership increases by a few individuals each month.

Public Relations/Website/Social Media – Maintaining strong showing and presence in all media. Old photos posted on social media are rotated for different subjects. Constant Contact email blast service is now in place. See Old Business for details.

Scholarship – The two 2025 recipients were chosen by the WHS Scholarship Committee after all candidates were interviewed. They were announced by Alex at the MWSD Award Ceremony held on May 8, a month sooner than past years: Kirk—Kanggun Lee, a political science major; Galberd—Elizabeth Qu, pursuing a pharmacy career.

Calendar for 2026 – Chris Burke, of the Volunteer Fire Company, gave Alex photos; EMS is working on obtaining those; police have not yet responded. Alex is targeting late July/early August to have a prototype. It will be available for the December Train Show and marketed beforehand. We are in the process of estimating the print run.

Publications – The Spring/Summer Newsletter was mailed on June 2. It is printed on a heavier stock of paper. We have a few copies available of the large-scale (wall size) Woodbury history graphical timelines. A few more will be printed for inventory. The smaller, refrigerator-art size versions are popular and will be reprinted.

Old Business:

Fifty People Who Shaped Orange County – This popular and successful event was held on April 27, 2025 with 12 organizations making presentations. Some individuals wore historical costumes.

Speaker program date changed to 2 PM Sunday July 27 - Tuxedo Park History and the Wee Wah Beach Club, by Stuart McGregor; rescheduling is confirmed.

November annual meeting – Date set for 2 PM Sunday November 9. Speaker confirmed: The Beacon Historical Society President, Denise Doring VanBuren, will talk about the Mount Beacon Incline Railroad.

Constant Contact – This service is now operational. The first email to the membership will be sent on June 7. The annual cost amounted to \$386, about a one-month discount from 12 months of payments of the monthly charge of \$35 (\$420/yr).

New Business:

Veteran's photos for displays – WHS currently has 15 oversize white display boards with photos. Need to procure new foam boards and plastic sleeves that will be permanently affixed to hold photos. The photos then will be easily accessible and interchangeable. Photos can be pulled and/or rearranged for different display needs.

Videotape Collection – Screening of VHS tapes for quality and archival content suitable for DVD/flash drive conversion will proceed during GH open houses in the GH media room. This will be a long-term project, concurrent with screening and cataloging some 20 DVDs already available for viewing at the GH. WHS needs to archive some family home movies to memorialize, representatively, lifestyles in different decades as well as any significant historical events those might contain. Only those of the best quality and content will be converted.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned. Viktor Prizgintas motioned, Walt Stanfield, Jr. seconded, all approved.

Woodbury Historical Society

Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

May 31, 2025

Gatehouse Checking		Opening Balance	\$	264.34
	Deposits	\$	380.00	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Expenses	\$	(31.65)	
Ending Balance			\$	612.69

Gatehouse Savings		Opening Balance	\$	9,490.76
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	8.05	
Ending Balance			\$	9,498.81

Historical Society Checking		Opening Balance	\$	2,861.18
	Deposits	\$	70.00	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Expenses	\$	(1,251.49)	
Ending Balance			\$	1,679.69

Historical Society Savings		Opening Balance	\$	10,061.16
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	8.56	
Ending Balance			\$	10,069.72

Scholarship Savings		Opening Balance	\$	5,281.54
	Deposits	\$	10.00	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	0.22	
Ending Balance			\$	5,291.76

Certificate of Deposit		Opening Balance	\$	60,000.00
<div> 83.3% WHS 16.7% Gatehouse </div> <div> <i>appropriately percentage split</i> </div>	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	550.20	
Ending Balance			\$	60,550.20

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

\$ 87,702.87