



The Woodbury Historical Society

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WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages
September 20, 2025

Officers and Trustees present: Alex Prizgintas, Millicent Treloar, Leslie Rose, Walt Stanfield, Jr., Bob McCue, Viktor Prizgintas, Robert Anzalone, Bill Doyle, Neil Crouse, Joanne Calore (10 of 13, 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 7, 2025 meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. Viktor Prizgintas questioned the accuracy of the Membership section number of renewals. Alex said that he would correct that figure in the Membership section below. Minutes were approved by all. Robert Anzalone motioned to approve, Bill Doyle seconded.

Treasurer's report was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 8/31/25 was \$85,236.88. Line overview attached. Neil Crouse asked if the checking accounts need to maintain a minimum balance. Joanne Calore shared his concern about incurring bank fees for low balances. Alex will look into it. All approved. Viktor Prizgintas motioned to approve, seconded by Joanne Calore.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – Neil Crouse will look into, and report on at the next meeting, the maintenance needs of the fence at the old cemetery next to the former Methodist (now Discovery) Church on RT 32 by Ridge Road. The Woodbury Community Association (WCA) has adopted maintenance tasks on this cemetery on behalf of the Town.

Collections/Property Markers – No new collections. See Old Business for updates on the historic site property markers.

Gatehouse (GH) –

- During the summer, Dottie Morris donated a young Dogwood tree to the GH. It was planted by the Town Parks and Recreation Department. The GH committee wants to have a dedication ceremony for the tree at an Open House, likely in 2026. Wording for a weather-proof metal plaque (similar to Pomeroy historic site markers) was approved by Dottie. Joanne has gotten estimates from 2 manufacturers for the metal plaque (8x10 inches with lowercase letters ½ inch high) and stand. She is negotiating prices. An amount of \$600 was approved by all, following a motion by Millicent Treloar, second by Bob McCue.
- Open Houses for August and September were canceled due to historically low interest and a lack of special attractions.
- Children's Library programs were held at the GH on June 30, July 19, and July 26. A Fall program is scheduled for October 4, taking the place of an October Open House.
- Planning is underway for the Callahan Christmas on November 15. The committee members expect to include the traditional component of requesting food donations for the Highland Mills Food Pantry.

Membership – 137 names (individuals/families/businesses) as of September 20, 2025; 110 are renewals.

Public Relations/Website/Social Media – Constant Contact email blast service has been working well.

Scholarship – The Galberd scholarship has been paid for Elizabeth Qu. However, the Kirk award is awaiting information from the school Kanggun Lee will attend.

Garden – Viktor Prizgintas reported that new flowers have been planted. Only the walkway remains to be completed. He has gotten estimates from Amazon.com for different styles of metal garden signs to read "Dona Weyant's Garden" or "Dona Weyant's Garden 1944-2018" – these are not weather proof and will be brought in for the winter. The board approved an expenditure amount under \$100 for this dedication sign. Motion by Joanne Calore, second by Neil Crouse.

Publications – Last corrections are being made to the Fall Newsletter. It will be mailed soon.

Old Business:

Stuart McGregor program - The "Tuxedo Park History and the Wee Wah Beach Club" talk drew a crowd of between 80 and 90 people. Following the presentation, all partook of the cake honoring Leslie Rose's many years of service as the Town Historian.

November annual meeting and December train show – Both are on schedule for Sunday November 9 at 2PM and Sunday December 7 noon to 4PM, respectively. Tables for the train show this year can be brought to the Senior Center two days in advance.

Pomeroy Historical Site Markers – As of a few weeks ago, both the GH and the Dodds House were approved. The money for fees for these signs comes from the Town Historian's budget, not WHS. The signs will be installed in the spring of 2026. Each will have a publicized unveiling ceremony. Seth Pulver is open to having a marker for the Rushmore Estate. Other possible future markers are the Gypsey Rose Lee house and the one-time George Cohen property. The Niemand "Pink" house is iffy as its future is uncertain.

New Business:

Donation to scholarship honoring June Menkens – June Menkens, a long-time WHS Trustee, passed away on August 16, 2025. WHS will donate \$100 to the Dr. George E. Menkens Memorial Scholarship <https://shorturl.at/JCo8S> in her name. Checks are payable to the University of Wyoming Foundation, and mailed to: University of Wyoming Foundation, Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, 222 South 22nd St., Laramie, Wyo. 82070 (please note "Dr. George E. Menkens Memorial Scholarship" in the memo line). All approved. Motion by Neil Crouse, seconded by Leslie Rose.

Videotape Collection – First pass screening and creating Excel sheet records, by Millicent Treloar, of DVDs at the GH and VHS tapes at the Rushmore building for quality and archival content suitable for DVD/flash drive conversion are proceeding. Alex will make the final selections. WHS has about 6 copies of the tape of the 1989 Woodbury Town and Fire Department Centennial Parade. The content of this tape enhances the 2026 WHS calendar theme of honoring First Responders. It would be good to have this for 2026 programs. Leslie Rose will use a parade tape to experiment with the conversion capabilities of Marta's Video Transfer Service in Harriman, NY (186 State RT 17M, Harriman, NY 10926, 845-307-0509). She will explore pricing for singles, batches of different videos, and multiple copies of the same video, and the technical abilities to "clean up" scratchy spots and create DVD tables of contents to facilitate the navigation of content.

Calendar 2026 – Last corrections to the calendar are in progress, on schedule to have it by the annual meeting on November 9. WHS will again do a print run of 200 to cover an anticipated number of 125+ picked up in 2026 by donations (similar to the 2025 calendar number) and intentionally have inventory for future promotions and archives. A budget of \$1,600 for the calendar was approved by all (includes a \$500 gift to Miriam and Terry Frawley who manage our website and did our graphic design on this year's calendar), and \$1,100 for the 200 copy print run at the Purple Goat. Motion by Leslie Rose, seconded by Walt Stanfield, Jr.

Upcoming 250th United States Anniversary Celebrations – Bill Doyle asked about WHS plans. Alex replied that WHS will coordinate with regional organizations.

Other - Alex Prizgintas was appointed a Director of the Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) headquartered in Babylon, NY. <https://aphnys.org>

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned. Viktor Prizgintas motioned, Robert Anzalone seconded, all approved.

Woodbury Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

August 31, 2025

Gatehouse Checking		Opening Balance	\$	104.21
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Expenses	\$	(31.58)	
	Ending Balance		\$	72.63
Gatehouse Savings		Opening Balance	\$	9,514.66
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	8.07	
	Ending Balance		\$	9,522.73
Historical Society Checking		Opening Balance	\$	298.22
	Deposits	\$	70.00	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Expenses	\$	(325.69)	
	Ending Balance		\$	42.53
Historical Society Savings		Opening Balance	\$	10,086.60
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	8.58	
	Ending Balance		\$	10,095.18
Scholarship Savings		Opening Balance	\$	4,352.20
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	0.18	
	Ending Balance		\$	4,352.38
Certificate of Deposit		Opening Balance	\$	60,948.16
	Deposits	\$	-	
83.3% WHS	Transfers	\$	-	
16.7% Gatehouse	Interest	\$	203.24	
	Ending Balance		\$	61,151.40

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

\$ 85,236.85