



The Woodbury Historical Society

Rushmore Memorial Building
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WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages January 31, 2026

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, Adonya Blair (11 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 September 20, 2025 and November 9, 2025 meetings were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. There were no discussions of either. Leslie Rose motioned to approve both, Viktor Prizgintas seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 12/31/25 was \$86,849.77. Line overview attached. Desiree Potvin, the WHS Treasurer, reported to Alex ahead of the January 31 meeting on the minimum balance/bank fee concern raised at the September 20, 2025 meeting: No checking account fees have been levied on the WHS accounts. She is able to balance all of the WHS accounts without adjustments for fees. All approved the report. Joanne Calore motioned; seconded by Bill Doyle.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – No updates due to winter conditions.

Collections/Property – No new collections. The Rushmore and GH buildings both have new alarm systems that are functioning properly. The Pomeroy historic site markers were delivered for both the GH and the Dodds locations. The Town Parks and Recreation Department will install those in April or before, weather conditions allowing. The Pomeroy Foundation recently approved a marker for the Rushmore Estate. WHS is considering applications for The Mountainville Grange Building (today a day care center on RT 32) and Sweet Clover Farm.

Gatehouse (GH) –

- To date, the Town has not been successful obtaining grant money to replace the GH roof. However, those efforts will continue.
- The November 2025 Callahan Christmas was successful with some 40 plus people coming and going throughout the afternoon. About a dozen Callahan extended family members in the area were in attendance. They shared that the family was in residence there in the 1950s and 1960s. The staircase filled up with food donations.
- Planning is underway for a season theme of antique everyday items. Joanne is also reaching out to the library to schedule children's programs.
- The 2026 GH Season Opening is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 1-3 PM. The Pomeroy marker dedication ceremony will occur on that date.

Membership – 140 names (individuals/families/businesses) as of January 31, 2026.

Public Relations/Website/Social Media – All media outlets are kept up-to-date with fresh postings by Alex and Miriam.

Scholarship – The committee met earlier in January to schedule the distribution and advertising of the applications, the due date, and tentative dates for candidate interviews. MWCSO wants to have the names of the winners by May 1. We are waiting to hear if the Galberd family will continue this scholarship offering.

Calendar – Alex reported that the library was added as an outlet for the 2026 First Responders' Calendar, which has continuing strong interest into January. So far, about 100 have been acquired by the public, bringing in a total donation amount of \$1350 for the Kirk Scholarship Fund. With this being a keepsake calendar, Alex will evaluate in March if we will continue to make these available at outlets (like Jay's) or only from the Rushmore building. An initial idea for the 2027 Calendar is an assortment of "then and now" photos of Woodbury. Other ideas are welcome.

Garden – Viktor Prizgintas reported that WHS received a stipend of \$750 from the Beautification Committee for window boxes and flowers. The available outside ground space at the WHS Rushmore building is fully planted.
Publications – Last corrections are being made to the Winter 2026 Newsletter. It will go to the printer next week.

Old Business:

2025 (December) Legacy Train Show – Attendance was upwards of 250 people, similar to that in 2024. Show report attached. The amount of space at the Senior Center is maxed out. The sizes of the show and attendees cannot grow. The Town is pursuing a purchase of the St. Patrick's Church gym. If successful, the Train Show needs for more space (both display and permanent storage areas) can be accommodated there. Then wider geographical advertising can be undertaken. The 2025 show honored the WWII conversion of trains and industrial output to support the war effort. These displays, in particular, received high praise from attendees. One toy train enthusiast commented that the value of this show is among the region's best.

Videotape Collection – A successful experimental digital conversion of the Joe DeGregono interviews on VHS tapes was conducted with Marta's Video Transfer Service in Harriman, NY (186 State RT 17M, Harriman, NY 10926, 845-307-0509). We want to proceed with 11 more such conversions. Those will cost \$300. All approved this amount, motioned Viktor Prizgintas, seconded by Bill Doyle.

New Business:

Approve purchase of 10 Arcadia Books -- Cost is \$199.80. All approved, motion by Millicent Treloar, seconded by Neil Crouse.

Orange County "50" annual spring event – In 2026, the WHS will host "Orange County 50 Stories" of how communities were involved in the Revolutionary War, to commemorate the 250th United States Anniversary Celebrations. This will be held at the Senior Center on Sunday, April 26, 12 to 4 PM, The event would like to draw exhibits from 20 county organizations. To date, 15 are confirmed, including the county historian. WHS will coordinate this event with the Town Supervisor. Woodbury stories will feature local maps from the period that show the Smith tavern, used as a headquarters by George Washington, and a field encampment. Woodbury had a militia and soldiers in the continental army. A follow up, expanded map show might be scheduled in the summer.

Proposed speaker program – Alex would like to present a talk, in May, on the history of the Woodbury Public Library. He would like to present that jointly with a library board member. He requested WHS board approval to approach the library board with this proposal. All approved, motioned by Viktor Prizgintas, seconded by Joanne Calore.

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

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Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

December 31, 2025

Gatehouse Checking	Opening Balance	\$	1,034.47
Deposits	\$	10.47	
Transfers	\$	-	
Expenses	\$	(570.39)	
Ending Balance		\$	474.55

Gatehouse Savings	Opening Balance	\$	8,542.59
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	7.25	
Ending Balance		\$	8,549.84

Historical Society Checking	Opening Balance	\$	880.71
Deposits	\$	4,407.00	
Transfers	\$	(655.00)	
Expenses	\$	(609.28)	
Ending Balance		\$	4,023.43

Historical Society Savings	Opening Balance	\$	6,617.73
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	5.63	
Ending Balance		\$	6,623.36

Scholarship Savings	Opening Balance	\$	4,472.93
Deposits	\$	120.00	
Transfers	\$	655.00	
Interest	\$	0.21	
Ending Balance		\$	5,248.14

Certificate of Deposit	Opening Balance	\$	61,734.58
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	195.87	
Ending Balance		\$	61,930.45

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

\$ 86,849.77

REPORT: 2026 Legacy Train Show

Attendance:

Door 1: Approx. 170 People

Door 2: Approx. 80 People

TOTAL: 250 Attendees

CASH TOTALS

Door 1: \$493 (Calendar Sales, 9: \$135)

Door 2: \$205

Refreshments Table: \$123

John Blair (Paid To WHS):

4x8 Board: \$40.70

1x3 Pine Boards (3): \$34.59

Labor: \$25.00

Total: \$100.00

FINAL TOTAL: \$1,221