



The Woodbury Historical Society

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WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages
September 5, 2026

Officers and Trustees present: Alex Prizgintas, Millicent Treloar, Leslie Rose, Walt Stanfield, Jr., Bob McCue, Viktor Prizgintas, Bill Doyle, Joanne Calore, Adonya Blair (9 of 14, a quorum). Others present: John Blair

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

Minutes of the May 30, 2026 meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. No discussion or corrections noted. Leslie Rose motioned to approve. Joanne Calore seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 7/31/26 was \$93,641.49. Line overview attached. No discussion. All approved, Viktor Prizgintas motioned; seconded by Leslie Rose.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – No updates.

Collections/Property –

- The next round of applications to the Pomeroy Foundation began in July. We will nominate Sweet Clover Farm, the Highland Mills Quaker Meeting House, and the Highland Mills Railroad Switching Tower, in accordance with the Pomeroy guidelines and schedules.

Gatehouse (GH) –

- The GH Building roof is insured by the Town of Woodbury for \$200,000. Joanne, working with the Supervisor, Jacqueline Hernandez, is looking into grounds for a claim.
- Joanne is getting bids from several contractors; the asbestos is the biggest issue.
- The GH needs to use its own funds for a new boiler.
- Reynolds continues to deliver oil to the GH, on a separate contract from the Town.
- The GH Committee will meet on Saturday, September 4, 2026, to plan the events for the end of the 2026 season and the 2027 season.
- The Fall Fest will be held on October 17. The date for the Callahan Christmas is not yet set.

Membership – 144 names (individuals/families/businesses) with 100 renewals as of September 4, 2026. Joanne asked if there was a way to send reminders to members when they needed to renew. Leslie said that Dona Weyant had put red dot stickers onto Newsletters as reminders. Alex said that he is looking into using some form of labeling on Newsletters for reminders.

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

Scholarship – Scholarship monies have been paid for both 2026 winners.

Calendar –

- 2027-A printed proof draft is available at this meeting. Graphics need better resolution, and several typographical errors need correction.
- The cost for a print run of 200 copies has not yet been obtained. Alex will request approval of the amount by email. Calendar to be available for the November 8, 2026 Annual Meeting. A package of 3 years of calendars (2025, 2026, 2027) for donations will be available for the Annual Meeting and the December Train Show.
- As was done in 2025, Alex proposed making a gift donation of \$500 to Miriam and Terry Frawley, who manage our website and did our graphic design on this year's calendar. All approved, motioned by Joanne Calore, seconded by Walt Stanfield, Jr.,

Garden – Viktor Prizgintas reported that the July 25 Garden Party was highly successful. He proposed to have an annual Garden Party, called “Dona Weyant Day,” on the last Saturday in July. All approved, motioned by Viktor Prizgintas, seconded by Adonya Blair. Alex is collecting poems from the community to display on a podium in the garden during the warm weather seasons. Many thanks to the Beautification Committee for paying the bulk of the expenses for the 2026 event.

Publications – The summer 2026 Newsletter is at the printer; it will be mailed next week.

Old Business:

Map Cabinet below copy machine – Approved at the May 30 meeting, this cabinet was acquired and installed.

New Business:

Library speaker program – On schedule for September 27, Alex will present, in a joint program with the Woodbury Public Library, a talk on the history of the current system and the development of the two branches.

The 2026 Annual Meeting – On schedule for Sunday, November 8, 2 PM, at the Senior Center. The speaker, Robert Buccheri, a renowned local historian, will give a talk about New York Revolutionary War history in 1776.

December Toy Train Show – On schedule for Sunday, December 6th, 12:00 PM—4:00 PM. Location TBD: Either the Woodbury Senior Center or St. Patrick’s Church Gymnasium. The Town has secured a \$1,000 grant to pay for new materials and advertising. And, the Town will cover the costs of printing for ads.

New Collaboration with MWCSD – WHS is in the process of proposing a contest program with the High School (Grades 9-12) Art and History Departments. Interested students will complete a project of their choice about the history of their community: graphical or written. Prizes will be awarded. If successful, the program will extend to lower grades. This effort is headed by Viktor Prizgintas. He expects to have a detailed proposal prepared in January 2027.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned. Viktor Prizgintas motioned, Bill Doyle seconded, all approved.

Attachment below.

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Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

July 31, 2026

Gatehouse Checking		Opening Balance	\$	791.11
	Deposits	\$	500.00	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Expenses	\$	-	
Ending Balance			\$	1,291.11

Gatehouse Savings		Opening Balance	\$	10,605.41
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	9.18	
Ending Balance			\$	10,614.59

Historical Society Checking		Opening Balance	\$	1,211.05
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	500.00	
	Expenses	\$	(1,225.29)	
Ending Balance			\$	485.76

Historical Society Savings		Opening Balance	\$	11,680.67
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	(500.00)	
	Interest	\$	9.69	
Ending Balance			\$	11,190.36

Scholarship Savings		Opening Balance	\$	6,800.65
	Deposits	\$	-	
	Transfers	\$	-	
	Interest	\$	0.29	
Ending Balance			\$	6,800.94

Certificate of Deposit		Opening Balance	\$	63,068.83
	Deposits	\$	-	
83.3% WHS	Transfers	\$	-	
16.7% Gatehouse	Interest	\$	189.90	
Ending Balance			\$	63,258.73

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

\$ 93,641.49