

Attending: Louise Garwood, Dan Hamilton, Heather Walker, Anne-Marie Nolan, and guest Francine Ranellone

Agenda

Call to order

Minutes September review - vote

Treasurer's Report

Pending Business:

Jake Knight final planning-exhibition-refreshments

Website and Digital - Dan scanning updates

Town Hall Construction review updates

New Business:

Curtains

Meeting Opened: Louise called the meeting to order on October 6, 2025, at 6:58 pm.

Call to order: Attending: Louise Garwood, Heather Walker, Dan Hamilton, Anne-Marie Nolan, and guest Francine Ranellone.

September Minutes Approval: Motion was raised by Louise, seconded by Dan and motion carried with no discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Heather read the report with approved expenditures and no submitted payments. A donation of \$250 was added to the Historic Donations account. A motion was raised by Louise and seconded by Dan to reimburse Louise for the BT Copy Center for \$89 from the Town account. Motion carried with no discussion. The motion to approve the report was raised by Anne-Marie, seconded by Dan. Motion carried with no discussion. Dan handed out revised HC business cards.

Pending Business:

Jacob Knight Planning: Heather reported that she and Louise had gone through what Kirk Jaskoviak had donated/offered for use and that the exhibition has now 68 objects instead of 29 objects. This has changed the layout of the exhibition. Room 1 will still be about West Brookfield which will include the WB town portrait above the mantel with contract and review on either side, B.A. King photos, a triptych of his yard, Jake junkyard picking (D. Cadoret) and other photos. Room 2 is called Beyond West Brookfield with the Oak Bluffs portrait displayed on the mantel. Room 3 is called Other Artistic Pursuits: early illustrations from the 50's, a music poster, album covers, J. Beard calendar, also a tablecloth which may cover the piano and hold framed photos. Room 4 is called Celebrating the Man: Jake's biography and pictures. Discussion about frames ensued, using some from the HC office, some from Stephen DiRado and purchasing the rest. Dan spoke of his recent interview with Stephen DiRado, as well as the interviews with Eric Glass and Kirk Jaskoviak. He will use both versions of the PBS video. These will be in Room 4. Jake's music and poetry audio will play in Rooms 1 and 2. Dan will put these together. Dan mentioned that Kirk Jaskoviak wanted to know where his material would be stored. The town's climate control storage unit and archival boxes would be the best location unless it would be better to store them in the Leicester Historical Society. A news release will be written by Louise and Anne-Marie to send to all the local newspapers. Anne-Marie will bring a poster to the Southbridge library on Wednesday. Anne-Marie will pick up the Jacob Knight tablecloth from the Senior Center as well. Refreshments were brought up and will be discussed at length at the next meeting. Sue Piermarini offered to get involved with refreshments. Hanging day will be Saturday, November 8 at 9am at the Ruth Wells Center. We will meet there on Sunday, November 9 at 9am to finish the set-up. A motion to purchase frames not to exceed \$300 from the Town account was raised by Louise and seconded by Anne-Marie. Motion carried with no discussion. A motion to purchase refreshments not to exceed \$250 from the England Fund was raised by Louise and seconded by Heather. Motion carried with no discussion. Dan kindly volunteered to donate WB print luncheon napkins which Heather ordered.

Web/Digital Scanning Update: Dan has finished scanning Jacob Knight and has ¼ of Bill Jankins's Box 6 done. Next step is scanning the material on top of the file cabinets.

Town Hall: There was more damage found, new quotes are being sought, with a question as to how much ARPA money is left to cover new expenses. It is managed by Bob Haveles who will be Clerk of the Works.

New Business:

Historical Donations account: HC received \$250 as a thank you from Robert O'Connor for Dan's research. Louise sent him a thank you note.

Curtains for Office: Louise researched the cost and color options. She has not ordered any.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Motion was raised by Dan seconded by Louise and carried with no discussion.

The meeting ended at 8:10pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7pm. Heather will run the meeting.