

Wilmington Historical Society- Action Plan- 2017

Building:

- Continue fund raising, seeking grants and increase membership.
- Continue working with established WHS Building Committee.
- Continue to grow Wilmington Historical Society Fund at the Adirondack Foundation.

Programs:

- Continue lecture series and educational outreach programs.
- Continue registration of Wilmington World War II veterans through link on website.
- Coordinate with local schools and youth groups to assist students with projects.
- Continue using social media to promote Wilmington history.
- Photograph maps and other large documents for use in slide shows.
- Plan for 2018 Whiteface development display in Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum
- Provide educational programs to other interested organizations.
- Utilize arts to promote local cultural history.

Training and Conferences:

- Members and trustees attend regional roundtables and conferences for training, information and presentations.
- Members and trustees pursue online training opportunities.

Recruiting New Members:

- Encourage attendance at open discussion meetings-target and communicate with people knowledgeable on topics.
- Encourage attendance at programs and events through personal contact and publicity through posters, Jay News, local newspapers, members e-mail, Facebook, and ambassadors at town events.
- Recruit members for sub committees
- Reach out to other historical societies, sharing programs and lectures

Archive Preservation and Conservation:

- Continue to archive photos that we have obtained and seek more photos of Wilmington.
- Continue to catalog all records onto software program.
- Continue to conserve documents by purchasing acid free and archive safe storage materials.
- Continue to look into conservation of local materials and documents which need professional conservation.
- Continue to conserve 1980 Olympic film footage by having them placed on reels and digitized.
- Continue to archive Fran Betters' newspaper collection.
- Finish cataloging and archiving the Harold Hinds, Jr. Collection of research materials
- Finish cataloging and archiving the Myrtle Haselton Gowan Collection.

Projects/Displays:

- Further our website development.
- Continue book sales for the Harold Hinds Wilmington Series, the Arcadia book and the 102 Club book
- Continue sticker sales.
- Interview seniors for historical knowledge and create digital voice recordings
- Create portable/rotating displays.
- Booth and display at Wilmington Festival of Colors in fall.
- Continue to actively pursue restoration and preservation of Wilmington cemeteries.

Research:

- Assist in inquiries from the general public regarding Wilmington history/genealogy.
- Historical research for support of town wide and other projects.
- Keep record of research requests.
- Updated index of resources WHS with new acquisitions.
- Continue “Wilmington Roots” research

Charter Obligations:

- Maintain specific hours of research operation.
- Track volunteer hours
- File annual report.

2018-2021 **Long Range Plans**

- Raise money and obtain grants for a permanent building or building spaces.
- Search for endowments and long term support for a building or building space.
- Continue building search or construction project and open the new WHS Heritage Center.
- Create Bonnevieu Cemetery Map.
- Conservation of maps
- Create permanent memorial to town founder Reuben Stanford
- Put up historical signs.
- Participate in Adirondack 46ers 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2018.
- Create a heritage/garden path.
- Assist New York State with Hardy Road Historical Trail Interpretation.