JERICHO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING – MAY 14, 2026

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:01PM by President Ann Squires

Members present: Ann Squires, Sue Richardson, Warren Irish, Eileen Teehan, Betty Koshinsky

Betty Koshinsky has stepped down from her role as Recording Secretary due to other commitments. At Ann Squires' request, Sue Richardson will take the minutes.

Betty advised that no previous meeting minutes were available due to computer issues. She will submit them once resolved.

Financial report was unavailable as Treasurer Stacy Griffiths was absent.

Agenda Item: Mill restoration update
Sue Richardson reported that JHS has been awarded a grant from Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) of up to $6,250 to cover 50% of the cost of engineering for Phase 1 of the project. We previously received a grant of $5,000 from Preservation Trust of VT to split between Phase 1 engineering cost and Part 2 of Eliot Lothrop's condition assessment of the Mill. (Funds are in the bank, earmarked for these projects). These combined grants will greatly reduce our out-of-pocket costs.

Sue also advised that there will be additional funding available from VHCB for Phase II of the engineering work, as well as the restoration project itself.

Sue reported that Eliot visited the Mill last week with an intern who he has been mentoring. They completed part 2 of the assessment and will co-author the report. He advised that the roof, which has been an area of concern to some members of

the board and the community, will need some of the stamped tin tiles replaced, and the entire roof sealed, but does not appear to need any extensive repairs.

Holly Hall, outgoing Director of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, had requested to speak to the Board and was invited to attend by Ann Squires. Holly presented an informative report on the proposal for the planned renovation and expansion of the library.

At a previous meeting it was approved that Board terms would be changed from 1 year to 3 years with staggered years – members up for vote in 2026 are Ann Squires and Eileen Teehan. Nominations were accepted and vote was called by VP – unanimous approval.

Craft Shop Report was presented by Sue Richardson and is attached. Sue also reported that the shop will soon begin offering our own Gift Cards. Processing costs will be 2.5%, approximately the same as credit card processing.

Archives building repair is contingent on weather but anticipated in June.

Warren reported on objects in basement – hearse and painting – moving them will present challenges and is also weather contingent.

250 Event – Sue reported that the Jericho/Underhill FD no longer does barbeques, and doing it ourselves would require permits from the Health Dept. with conditions that make it not feasible. Warren has contact with Hannaford Volunteers Fife and Drum and there is some interest on their part – he will follow up. Sue is coordinating with Cemetery Assn. and professional to clean the stones, and trying to arrange for a military honor guard.

Warren informed us that his father's antique truck is not available for the Memorial Day parade, and no one on the Board is available or has a vehicle to haul the model.

Sue met with Jen Bartleau, the historian from the Cambridge Historical Society. Their exhibit for the 250th anniversary is very well done and is similar to what we

are planning. Jen has done a lot of research into the blockhouse that was located in Jericho, and it was suggested by Warren that we invite her to do a presentation here in Jericho at a future date. The suggestion was well received by everyone.

There was a brief discussion regarding moving to quarterly meetings for the Board rather than every two months. Topic was tabled until next meeting.

Discussion of By-laws was tabled until next meeting to provide time for review.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Richardson, VP

CRAFT SHOP REPORT – Q2 2026

APRIL 2025	$ 7,697		
APRIL 2026	$10,190	+$2,493	+32.3%
MAY 2025	$10,336		
MAY 2026	$10,907	+ $571	+ 5.5%
JUNE 2025	$13,471		
JUNE 2026	$15,009	+$1,538	+11.4%
Q2 2025	$31,504		
Q2 2026	$36,106	+4,602	+14.6%

YEAR TO DATE

2025	$49,610		
2026	$59,700	+$10,090	+20.3%