

The Falmouth Historical Society Minutes

Falmouth Heritage Museum—May 7, 2019

The board meeting came to order at 6:38 PM. Present were David Farnham, Sue Farnham, Betsy Whitcomb, Ron Scorsone, Erin Cadigan, and Fred Howe.

Secretary's Report

The April minutes were reviewed and approved.

Membership. The current membership is 112. Two of these are new corporate sponsors, Bath Savings and the Lions Club. There are 14 lapsed members.

We also have received a substantial donation from the Andrews family.

Thank-you cards were sent to the Lions Club, the Andrews, and Bath Savings for their generous corporate membership support.

Lifetime memberships. We will notify Hannah Russell and Mary Honan that they have been elected lifetime members.

Condolence notes will be sent to the families of Florence McCann (Jeanine Coleman), Richard Terhune (who did our audits for years), and Gretchen (Howard Reiche) as long-term members who recently passed away.

Treasurer's report

The Society has a balance of \$4,277 in its cash accounts and \$24,369 with the Foundation.

Today the application was sent to the IRS to restore our tax-exempt status and bring our tax filings up to date. This represents many hard weeks of work by David. Financial records going back to 2011 will be readily accessible online. Our finances are now in good order. At this point we would love to have a volunteer take over the bookkeeping function. This will require a few hours a week; we can set this up so the work can be done from home. If any member is interested, please contact one of the board members.

David will be taking a "Quickbooks for Nonprofits" course at MANP this coming Thursday.

Old Business

Cleaning. We had our clean-up day this past Sunday. Five members from the Board were present. The barn was cleaned, our newly accessioned bookcases were cleaned, and brush along the edges of the yard was cut down. We need volunteers to help with maintaining the appearance of the grounds!

Web presence. Congratulations to Erin for doing multiple postings on Facebook! The posting on history tours got the most attention.

Newsletter. Erin is planning for a June publication. Potential subjects include plans to get the firetruck running (funds are needed – donations, grants, etc.), graduation; summer hours, and MHS Magical History Tour's Falmouth location.

Maintenance. *Asbestos.* Maine Community Foundation – we can apply for a grant to get the asbestos and renovation work done upstairs.

Sign installation. Betsy sent an inquiry to the sign company as to when installation might occur. We are hoping to have it done as soon as the ground can be worked.

Museum security. David still needs to follow up with Cunningham Security concerning the alarms going off in April. Ron, then Fred, then the Farnhams are now the designated contacts in the event of another incident.

Information Systems. *Cataloging computer.* Ron will proceed with installing Windows 10 on the catalog computer.

Merchandise. *Cookbook:* Betsy will be seeing Marge this Saturday to get signed authorization from her as the previous "owner" (required by the printers). On Tuesday Betsy will call the company to hopefully get the order placed.

Summer hours. Starting June 22 and going to Aug 31 we will be open on Saturdays from 12-3.

Not discussed. Directors and officer's insurance. David is to follow up on this with Allen Insurance Company in Rockland.

New Business

Betsy will start working for the election at town hall next week, so will be cutting back her hours here (11-1 on Tuesdays – will still be open until 3 as Sue will be present). Election Day is June 11.

MHS's Magical History Tour will be taking place on May 11, and there will be a Falmouth location (location is undisclosed until the day of the tour). We have been invited to participate. We plan to set up the poster exhibit on Falmouth history (created for Falmouth 300) and have a table so that we can address questions on Falmouth history. We will also have FHS merchandise for sale.

The Memorial Day Parade is Monday May 27. Sue, Dave, Betsy, and Ron plan to march, along with any other members who would like to represent FHS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Farnham