

# The Falmouth Historical Society Minutes

## Falmouth Heritage Museum—August 6, 2019

The board meeting came to order at 6:45 p.m. Present were David Farnham, Sue Farnham, Betsy Whitcomb, Ron Scorsone, Erin Cadigan, Rich, Sheri Fistal, and Fred Howe.

### **Secretary's Report**

The July minutes were reviewed and approved.

Membership. There are 113 active members and 14 lapsed. Member Fred Chase passed away on August 13.

Lifetime memberships. Sue will send letters notifying Hannah Russell and Mary Honan that they have been elected lifetime members.

A note of condolence will be sent to Fred Chase's family (wife is Diana).

### **Treasurer's report**

The Society has a balance of \$2,166 in its cash accounts and \$24,317 with the Foundation.

Our filings to get back in the good graces of the IRS were accepted at the end of May so we should hear from them in September. Meanwhile we will submit our return for 2018-19.

### **Old Business**

We will continue to open on Saturdays from 12 to 3 p.m. until Sep 1<sup>st</sup>. Ron will take Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>; Fred will do the 17<sup>th</sup>, Erin and Sheri will do the 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sue and David will do the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Maintenance: Work on the ramp, stairs, and railing is coming along.

The tires on the Reo firetruck are losing air. We need to pump them up. We may wish to put the truck up on blocks.

Items of interest. Bucknam Tavern has been seeing some activity. The house is in the process of being cleaned out, and the overgrowth is being cut back.

We have gotten several calls from people in other locations re: items with Falmouth connections—possible donations.

Merchandise. Betsy has been researching reprinting prices/options/companies for the cookbook. Staples can do a soft cover book with plastic film cover \$1,946 for 200 books @ \$9.73 per book. We would send it to them electronically. It would take two weeks to deliver. Morris is \$6.68 a book for 500 books, 374 recipes. Should we put a committee together to rewrite the book?

Wayne Cobb donated a copy of his new book *Quakers in Early Falmouth and Portland, Maine 1740-1850*. Ron is discussing with him the possibility of buying some of his books to sell.

Leland Hanchett donated a copy of his new book, *The History of Martin's Point and the Marine Hospital in Portland, Maine*. We will consider buying some of his books to sell. Sue or Dave will contact him about this.

Collections. The Danish/Lutheran ship is still in storage in the barn. The Lutheran Church has expressed interest; they plan to have a meeting in August to discuss. They are looking for someone who could restore it.

Tidewater. David, Sue, and Betsy will attend a meeting at town hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> to review the RFP.

Outreach. Erin has been doing a wonderful job with posting items of interest on Facebook. She has started creating mini exhibits at FHS.

### **New business**

Fundraising ideas. The town of Lincoln has Old Home Week every year. This past year the Lincoln Historical Society had the Sons of Civil War Vets come. Something for us to think about for a Saturday activity.

There is grant money from the Maine Bicentennial Committee for events next year. Community Programs might be interested—perhaps we could partner with the town to hold an event at Underwood Park, or the park behind Walmart.

We could consider renting our space out to other groups to hold meetings here—anyone who is not nonprofit or from outside of Falmouth. We could start by offering this to the membership for a reduced cost.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:15.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Farnham  
Secretary