

Falmouth Historical Society Minutes

June 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Present were: David Farnham, Sue Farnham, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Ron Scorsone, Fred Howe, Rick Parker, and Erin Cadigan

Secretary's Report

The May minutes are approved excepted as noted (truck and sock hop \$).

Membership has increased by 2 to 87 members and 68 households.

Treasurer's Report

Repairs to the heat pump were \$490.

Last month we had three items that were budgeted but not expensed. This month we are down to two.

June is usually the lightest month in our budget year. We are on track.

Old Business

Boy Scout project – Rich is following up.

Repairs and maintenance: The “mouse highway” is no more! The outside spigot is working. The board approved replacement of the valve with a frost proof valve.

Tercentennial events:

1,000 people showed up for Old Home Days (was a rainy day). Betsy had good traffic at the table for FHS.

Memorial Day Parade – Ron, Sue, and Betsy carried the banner for the Historical Society.

Dr. Richard Judd, "Destination Falmouth: From Farmland to Vacationland Lecture went well with a good turnout (sold out). The venue at Falmouth by

the Sea was great. Some members of the audience commented that they wished the speaker had done more to connect his talk to Falmouth.

The next lecture that we sponsor will be Michael Shaughnessy on “Environmental History – the Presumpscot River”, July 19 at the Falmouth Congregational Church. Admission is free, but reservations are required.

Upcoming June events are: the Falmouth Food Pantry open house and 10th anniversary on June 7, the Open Space tour on the 12th, Twilight walk and Movies at the Park “The Lorax” on the 15th, the Audubon Native Plant Sale on the 16th, the Audubon Peony Festival and Ice Cream Social on the 20th, the Volksmarch on the 24th, and the first Concert in the Parks on the 25th.

The date for “Dinner on the Coast” is subject to being slipped if arrangements cannot be made with the town.

The repeat bus tour will be July 18 – we will need to provide refreshments.

West Falmouth bus tour is currently planned for Sept 19th

Other upcoming Tercentennial events: The date of the Lutheran church talk on the Danish community has not been set. On Sept 16th there will be a talk at Lunt Auditorium on the birth of Falmouth by Zack Bennet, a Rutgers PHD student.

Archiving project: Ron and Erin have been working with the archiving tool. After speaking with Ann, they started with the Chappell and “Hi Fi” collections. The software is not as user friendly and intuitive as expected, but it will create an online presence and can build an exhibit from the data.

Sue has deferred the Girl Scout dolls this month due to the death of the person she was going to talk to about it.

The Tall Ships people would like the model ship. Sue needs the name and address/phone of the person who would like to donate it.

June 12 election: we are approved for a table on the inside. We need to get a table and display items over there and get it manned. David and Fred will transport, David, Sue, Erin, and anyone else who wished to volunteer will man it in shifts for the day.

Museum open hours on Saturdays in July will start on the 7th. The barn will be open and the History of Falmouth exhibit will be up. Hours will be 10 AM to 1 PM. at the FHS: Erin will be there on the 7th and the 14th; David and Sue will also take some of the dates. We have 4 Saturdays to cover. More volunteers are needed.

New Business

Erin spoke about the road trip of the Narcissus (trolley car) planned for 2020. They would like to have us plan an exhibit the week the Narcissus comes to the historical society. The cost of creating the local program would be covered by them. Erin will let them know we are interested, but may not be able to put a full exhibit together. We need to write a letter of support. David and I need to get a name and address of where to send the letter.

Ron spoke with Jan Andrews about the wiring of the house – she knew they had done some things but did not know what. To be continued...

Betsy spoke with Ted Asherman (was a member when the trees were cut down) about us needing to do some clearing out of dead, downed trees. His son is learning how to climb and cut trees. She will see if this is something he might be interested in.

Betsy knows the man who runs the recycling center in Portland as he is a Falmouth resident. We would like to use reclaim (hot top) in the back driveway and turn around area. He gets a lot of reclaim and might be willing to donate some, or perhaps could give us a reduced price.

Betsy has not heard any more on the sign. The question of needing a permit for a sign was brought up, which Betsy can inquire about. David will look at town ordinances.

We need gravel at end of driveway to fill in the “dip”. Betsy may call Bob Thompson about this.

The next board meeting is Tuesday July 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Farnham, Secretary