

The Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting
Falmouth Heritage Museum
September 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Those present: Betsy Jo Whitcomb, President, Secretary; David Farnham, Treasurer; Sue Farnham, Membership Chair, Director; and Directors Rich Meserve and Ron Scorsone.

The Treasurer passed out a report showing the following balances: Society checking: \$957.71; Internet checking: \$1, 149.75; Museum savings: \$10,838.50; and FHS Fund –Maine Community Foundation: \$31,167.67.

Membership report: Sue reported that we now have received 14 renewals and 7 new members.

Nominations for October Annual Meeting:

So far we have a slate as follows:

- President: David Farnham
- V. President: Rich Meserve
- Secretary: Suzanne Farnham
- Treasurer:
- Board: Fred Howe, Sheri Fistal, Rick Parker

Since the 18th of October is the annual Turkey Dinner to raise funds for the Falmouth Food Bank, so Betsy will contact Town Hall to get a new date.

NEW DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 @ 7 PM

Ron gave us an update on the new computer. It is now up and running although he still has a few things to do on it.

Rich gave us an update on the ramp project. There is a Boy Scout interested in taking this on as his Eagle Scout project but details have not been discussed as yet. Construction will not begin until at least next spring.

Rich also reported on other outside projects. He has mowed the lawn once and the bricks have arrived-with more offered-to do the entrance walkway to the museum. This project will be done this month. He also said he has pruned the apple trees. Ron talked about wanting to get new piping for the cellar sump pump drain and bury the drain. That led to a discussion of the draining of the soil and wanting to put in a graveled parking area. This should be done now as spring is the worst time for water pooling in that area and people getting stuck in the yard. Betsy said she would check with the Town and see what permits we need. She has talked with the town last spring and was told that if we bring in 15 yards or less of fill/parking lot material, we do not need a permit. I have a call in to the town (Justin Brown) to see what permitting is needed to regrade the back lawn to improve drainage.

There was a discussion of winter hours for the museum. It was decided to remain open Mon. & Tues. during our current hours weather permitting.

Betsy talked about receiving a phone call from Marge Devine who is writing a book about the Colonial Period in Falmouth. She is almost ready to publish her book and needs financial help in having this done. She has talked with the Maine Humanities and they suggested going through us to write the grant. The Board reaction was very positive, but we agreed that we would like to see what she is writing before we agree to do this. **I talked with Marge this morning (9/13/17) and she will get me a copy today that I can distribute to Board members to look at.** After we see her copy, we will see if the Board still wants to go ahead with the grant. The grant deadline is October 16, 2017.

Rich talked about Dinner on the Coast fundraiser proposed by Alex Agnew. This is an idea that we have been invited to join along with Tall Ships and Falmouth Education Foundation. Next July there will be a

section of Shoreline Dr. blocked off and a meal will be served in the street to those who buy tickets for (\$. ? \$65 or \$75 each) and after expenses, the organizations who agree to join will split the remaining funds raised. If we wish to help with the project we can help with the prep work and we can have information about our association there at the event. It will be held rain or shine. We agreed to join this effort.

Erin sent an email asking if the FHS would co-host talks with the Tercentennial Committee talks by Larry Dyhrburg (probably next fall) about the Falmouth Danish Community and Wayne Cobb (probably in February) about the Falmouth Quaker Community. It was agreed that we would be happy to do this.

Betsy announced that the FHS would be having a table at the Falmouth Volunteer Fair at the Motz School gym on Sunday, November 12th from 1-3 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary