

The Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting
Falmouth Heritage Museum
August 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

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

The Treasurer passed out a report showing the following balances: Society Checking: \$1,392.66; Internet Checking: \$276.75; Museum Savings: \$12,838.50; and Maine Community Foundation FHS Fund: \$31,167.67.

Membership report: Sue reported that we are still receiving new members (2 this month) and dues renewals.

Ron has been looking into availability of new computer. He has found a high-end Lenovo All-In-One 23" Monitor with built-in computer. It is a \$1900 value and he can get it for about \$1400. After much discussion, there was a unanimous vote to authorize Ron to spend up to \$1500 to buy the new computer-moved by Dave and seconded by 3 others. We will use the old laptop as a second machine and eliminate the old desk top computer.

There was much time spent on Nominations for the upcoming election in October. A list of potential nominations was extracted from the membership list and will be distributed to the Board members to call before the next Board meeting. The following are willing to serve: Dave Farnham-President; Sue Farnham-Secretary; Rich Meserve-V President; Treasurer-? Ron Scorsone; Directors: Ann Gagnon, Erin Cadigan; Immediate Past President: Betsy Jo Whitcomb.

Betsy announced she has secured the Town Hall Council Chambers for our annual meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2017. A speaker will be found for this meeting.

Betsy passed around a new photo design of the proposed new sign. They did darken the borders and words, but still had a copper color for the logo in the

middle of the sign. It was decided that we liked the changes except for the logo color and Betsy will contact Burr Signs with our comments and a request for a price. She also said she had stopped at Public Works to see if they would dig up the granite posts and reposition them where the new sign will be located.**

There was a discussion about the 50's style dance we are proposing for the Tercentennial next year. A date was set for Saturday, March 18, 2018 and Erin will see about getting the Lunt Auditorium as the venue for the dance.

Sue has been working on an update of our map pricing. More information needs to be secured before we decide to change any pricing.

Rich reported that he is making headway with having the Boy Scouts help repair the ramp. There is a boy showing interest in having his Eagle Scout project in doing this project. In the meantime Rich is going forward with putting a brick walkway at the entrance. There have been two FHS members who have volunteered to help with this work. It will be done in August.

Dave had no report on the status of the hot water heater.

Ann reported that Thursday, August 10th, the Chappell family will be coming to donate a butter churn from their Falmouth farm.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 @ 6:30 PM in Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, FHS Secretary

**An email was received 8/3 from Public Works-they cannot do the work for us. Jay had a conversation with the Town Manager and the town cannot do any work for organizations in town.