

The Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting
Falmouth Heritage Museum
October 3, 2017

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

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

The Treasurer passed out a report showing the following balances: Society checking: \$1,820.16; Internet checking: \$79-75; Museum savings: \$10,839.12; and FHS Fund @ ME Community Foundation: \$31,167.67.

Membership report: Sue reports that we have 35 active members and 64 who are lapsed since July.

Nominations for office: The following slate will be presented at the annual meeting:

- President: David Farnham
- V. President: Rich Meserve
- Secretary: Sue Farnham
- Treasurer:
- Directors: Fred Howe and Rick Parker

Notice of the annual meeting will be sent out to members, the town website, and the Notes and Forecaster.

Betsy said she has not had a response to a request for a price for a new sign.

Dave said he has not had a response from AAA about installing a hot water heater.

Betsy has received a response from Marge Devine saying she is disappointed that we will not send for a grant for her to publish her book. She had sent Marge a letter stating that we did not have enough time to gather the required information requested in the application by the application deadline of 10/15/17,

but we would be happy to help her with research and would be happy to have her speak at a meeting about her book and would host a book signing here at the museum when the book is ready. It was agreed that all material given to the Board members will be deleted from their computers and any written material she gave us to look over in order to make a decision to go for the grant or not will be returned to her.

Ron, Ann and Betsy reported on their trip to Maine Historical Society to learn about how they accession items. It was very interesting and helpful as we start to do a more friendly version of our accessioning system.

Rich reported that the Dinner on the Coast will be held 7/22/2018. We will be hearing more about this and how we can help later.

Rich also will be meeting with a young man this week who wants to talk about doing his Eagle Scout project with the Historical Society. He will send us a report after the meeting.

We had a discussion about how to get rid of the mice in the museum. I went online and found the best ways are to use the bait we have been using. We also need to find where they are entering the house (they can fit through a hole the size of a dime). Especially look for areas around the foundation, where wires and pipes come in, where weather-stripping materials are missing, and around the chimney. Or we could hire an exterminator.

Soon we will be working on projects for the Tercentennial such as the sock hop in March, the lectures on the Quakers and Danish Communities in Falmouth, and the historical tours with the Community Programs. More details will be coming, but we will need to have more help from members.

The next Board Meeting will be November ? (the first Tuesday is the 7th which is Election Day).

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary