

Falmouth Historical Society
Board Meeting
Falmouth Memorial Library
March 1, 2016

Those present: Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary; Colleen Donovan, Treasurer; and Directors: Ann Gagnon, Bev Knudsen, and Rich Meserve.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb due to the illness of the President, Jeannie Madden.

There was a discussion of the stakeholder's meeting of the Falmouth Tercentennial project. There were about 6-8 members of the Falmouth Historical Society present with a total of 30 people attending. It was a very productive meeting discussing why we should celebrate our 300th anniversary as a town; goals of the celebration; events that might take place; how we will all be involved. There was definitely a lot that the Society can contribute and we certainly will be involved in it.

The next topic was the Museum and its transition to office/museum. We have now had at least 3 times in the last two months where the basement has flooded, twice with at least 3" of water. The last time was this morning. AAA Energy Service was again called and this time the technician showed us pictures of the damage to our new furnace. Water stains inside the unit were seen at about the one foot level and there is corrosion seen on the motor. He was able to replace the motor and save the blower and he also properly placed the sump pump into the well at the deep end of the basement and has it hooked up with an extension cord. He strongly urged us to have it properly permanently hooked up. Betsy also noticed that Keeley Construction Co. was involved with the move of the building to its current site and suggested we contact them to see what they suggest to prevent water from entering the basement in the first place. As for the move, we have made great headway in emptying out cartons from the living room and hopefully by moving the bed upstairs, we will make more room to put in shelving to store our collections that remain in boxes. It would be nice to be able to open to the public in April as we have already received calls requesting visits for research.

We also talked about the need to end the suspension of our Bylaws March 31st as was voted on at the annual meeting. The need to set up committees and look over updating the Bylaws was mentioned and Rich offered to head up the Building & Grounds committee to care for the outside of the building. These topics will be discussed more thoroughly at the next meeting.

As no further business was brought up for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary