

The Falmouth Historical Society Minutes

Falmouth Heritage Museum—Feb 12, 2019

The meeting came to order at 6:40 PM. Present were Fred Howe, Sheri Fistal, Betsy Whitcomb, Erin Cadigan, Ron Scorsone, and David and Sue Farnham.

Secretary's Report

The Annual Meeting and January minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Membership report: There are 109 current members with 28 having moved to pending renewal. Erin will be printing membership renewal letters for those whose membership renewal is due or past due (and have not yet renewed online). She will also be sending out membership invitations to the business community. She hopes to have this done by the next Board meeting.

Treasurer's report

Our utility bills were well above average due to the problem with the control board for the heat pump. We were also surprised by the cost of the repair because we thought it was still under warranty. Ron will contact AAA.

The big expense was PastPerfect—our new catalog software.

Maintenance

Fred measured the dimensions of the “doll room” upstairs. 360 square feet of wall surface that needs to be removed—this consists of plaster and lathe. The plaster is likely ½ inch thick. To haul this away, we could rent a hydraulic lift trailer but, together with dump costs, the amount will still be \$400-\$500 dollars. We need to think about whether we want to spend that much money now.

We are having a work day at the Museum on Sunday March 16. We have some Yelp volunteers to work with us. We will be scraping and repainting/staining the front door and surrounding woodwork, the kitchen window, and the ramp as well as working on the ditch beside the driveway. The March meeting is the 5th, so we will finalize plans then. We will need to purchase exterior paint, primer, and

exterior caulk; we have some insulation downstairs. Several of us will be bringing the needed equipment/tools from our homes. We welcome members and anyone in the community who would like to lend a hand to join us! Please contact Fred or Ron if you are interested.

Spring cleaning is scheduled for Sunday, May 5. All are welcome to join us for that annual event!

Erin will announce the work days in the local papers.

The meeting ended prematurely when David was injured after slipping on the ice outside.