

Treasurer's Report – FY 2012
Presented at the Annual Meeting, October 16, 2012

Since I last spoke to you at the 2011 Annual Meeting, we've had a tolerably good year financially due to a grant, a surprise gift, and, as always, the generosity of our members.

Last year at this time the roof of the museum was covered by a blue tarp. We had to get it fixed to prevent any further damage to the inside, and we didn't have the cash to do it. Our capital campaign earned us \$6300 in donations by our membership toward the upkeep of the museum complex. Our new Heritage Partners board which honors those members who have donated at least \$500 during a calendar year now has seven names on it. Overall, donations during the year totaled nearly \$9700 including the Capital Campaign, and the donations we received from museum visitors, at various functions we sponsored, and gifts during the membership drive. We truly appreciate and thank everyone for the donations, large and small, which you made

Many, many years ago, before there was a Falmouth High School, children in town who wished to further their education had to attend high school in one of the neighboring towns. They had to pay their own tuition and find their own way to school and back. A charitable fund was started to help those students in the neighborhood of the Graves School on Pleasant Hill Avenue pay those expenses. The Graves School building still exists, but its days as a school ended a great while ago. The charitable fund established long before that, however, remained in existence until this past year when the Trustees of the Graves School Fund decided to disband it. So we got a surprise call from the Trustees saying they wished to donate all of the money from their Fund to the Falmouth Historical Society. As it turned out, the Fund had grown to over \$10,400 over the years, and we were truly honored to be the recipient. Our Board of Directors voted to put half of the money into our Endowment Fund and the other half into our Museum Fund.

In 2010, the Davis Foundation awarded us a grant of \$30,000 to build a barn at our museum site. We were able to get started on that building last fall though we knew we didn't have enough to complete it especially as the museum showed it wanted a new roof. We applied again to the Davis Foundation and received an additional \$15,000 grant to complete the structure along with the electrical and security systems for the barn. We do wish to thank the Davis Foundation for all they've done for us.

So this year, thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, the museum is nice and dry with its new roof, and we've a new barn beside it which is rapidly being filled with exhibits. We've more work to do inside the museum to restore it, especially on the second floor. And we are hoping to be able to set aside monies each year for improvements on the museum complex and a rainy-day fund in case of emergencies. This long-range planning is a necessity for the financial stability and security of the Society.

We thank you all.