

Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting
Falmouth Memorial Library
August 2, 2016

Those present: President, Jeanne Madden; Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb; Treasurer, Colleen Donovan; and Trustees Ann Gagnon, Bev Knudsen, Suzanne and Dave Farnham.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President, Jeanne Madden.

Jeanne estimates that the budget for next year will be about \$10,000 to run the office/museum. She also informed us that she has received \$2385 so far in dues and donations.

We received a request to donate to the Library Building Fund. Although we agreed that it was a worthwhile cause, our financial situation is uncertain at this point and we would find other ways to contribute to the Building Fund.

Ann had a call today at the museum from Noah Gull who was asking about doing an Eagle Scout project at the FHS. Betsy will contact him and find out what his abilities are. This led into a discussion of things that need to be done. Some possibilities are: maintenance of the handicap ramp; replacing the grass leading to the steps that are wet during the spring and replacing that area with another kind of walkway; replanting the herb garden that is overgrown; painting the back door; starting a community garden on the front lawn.

There was a discussion of nominations for the upcoming election. Jeanne will divide the membership list among the Board and set up talking points for us to use to get nominations for the October election.

Betsy said that she has been asked to be on a sub-committee of the Tercentennial committee that is looking into the possibility of taking the map of Falmouth which is hanging on the wall in the hallway at Town Hall and making a coffee table quality book out of the pictures on the map. There are 30 insets of different places in Falmouth that we can write descriptions of to go into the book and that would give a project for 30 people in our organization to participate in. She will report more on this after her next meeting.

There was a discussion of signage to enhance what the town has put up at the Falmouth corner and intersection of Falmouth Rd/Woodville Rd. Once you follow where those signs point, there are no further directions to follow. Betsy will follow up with the town to see what we can do to correct this.

As there is no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary

The next meeting will be at the library **SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION

Our Eagle Scout has found another project but will be happy to recommend us to other scouts looking for a project.

The town's sign ordinance is in flux at this point, but we can put campaign-type signs out at either end of Woods Rd when we are open until the town receives complaints.

Betsy is meeting with Bruce Bailey from Bailey Signs on Fri. 8/12 at 10 AM to see what can be done or repair or replace our sign on the front lawn. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome.

Betsy and member, Sherri Fistal, worked on the herb garden last week. Sherri is a master gardener and has contacted the Cooperative Extension and they have approved our organization. We will remove most of the plants there that are overgrown and this fall plant garlic and chives and cover with straw. In January Sherri will apply for a grant through the CE to cover cost of replanting new plants. The only stipulation is that we need to use one of their master gardeners-Sherri is one-and any surplus we have in the garden must be given to a food bank. We will also have them look at our apple trees in the front yard and the grape vine.

Betsy Jo Whitcomb