

# The Falmouth Historical Society

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Zoom Meeting—March 12, 2024

The meeting came to order at 6:40 p.m. Present were board members Betsy Whitcomb, Carol Kauffman, David Farnham, Ron Scorsone, Sally Farneth, and Sue Farnham. The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.

## **Monthly Meeting of the FHS Board of Directors**

The board discussed various aspects of museum operations during the off-season. They also brainstormed ideas for the school field trip and planned historical tours for the local community.

## **Outline**

### **Museum operations and upcoming events**

- David discussed the Society's off-season activities, including preparation for the next busy season and maintaining a tempo close to year-round operations.
- David mentioned the Society's website calendar, which shows a lot of activity during the winter months, dispelling any idea that the Society hibernates during the off-season.
- Sally discussed the upcoming field trip for second graders and mentioned handouts showing old schools and their locations.

### **Historical site event planning**

- David and Carol discussed using the Falmouth Festival as a historical venue to tell stories about the Tidewater.

## **Local history tours in Falmouth**

- David outlined the results of a planning meeting for the local history tours, with four tours focusing on the 1875-1900 period, highlighting the peak of agriculture and emergence as a summer resort.
- The New Casco Village tour will have 17 stops and a total duration of around an hour and a half, with a fully scripted and annotated guide for the tour guide.
- The history tours will have multiple versions, including a guided bus tour, a narrated slideshow using a mix of contemporary and historic photographs, and a self-guided tour with turn-by-turn guides.
- David and Carol discussed upcoming events and schedule, including a practice loop for Parks and Recreation and obtaining a microphone system from Falmouth House.

## **Historical collections and research**

- Suzanne discussed the work of the collections committee which has been meeting weekly to process the MMD collection.
- Ron described progress transcribing accession records to the database.
- David described the queries they received from the community and the addition of new content to the website.
- David discussed discoveries made possible by new online resources, including more complete and interesting tales about two homes.
- David and Carol discussed how technology has made it easier to access historical records.

## **Museum operations**

- Ron discussed the sump pump's activity and the effect of weather on the museum's basement.