

The Falmouth Historical Society

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Zoom Meeting—November 9, 2021

The meeting came to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were Betsy Whitcomb, David Farnham, Ron Scorsone, Sally Farneth, and Sue Farnham.

President's Remarks

David observed that the Society has accomplished more this year than he would have thought possible. Progress on the Society goals was achieved across the board.

Secretary's Report

Membership. Our active membership is 86.

Treasurer's Report

Administration. Our Maine Charitable Organization License for 2022 was received. Our Maine sales tax registration was completed, and we will file annually in July. We are adding Venmo as a payment option; this was recommended by our friends at Cumberland. We have resumed work on the guide to financial administration.

Finances. The Society has a balance of \$7,013 in its operating accounts and \$15,437 with the Foundation. Our accounts payable is \$163 and sales tax payable is \$17.

The activity report now reflects discounts and cost of goods sold. (We had previously been calculating the cost of good by hand.)

Committee Reports

Programs. Sally reported on the productive meeting she and Betsy had with teachers from Falmouth Elementary. They would like to schedule a visit by students to the Museum in spring.

Betsy is working with town hall to make arrangements for us to participate in the Very Merry Falmouth festivities. We'll have a table in the tent at Friday night's Mix and Mingle.

Museum Operation & Exhibits. Our season was shortened due to Covid. We were open to the public from mid-July through October for a total of eleven Tuesdays plus two days "by appointment." We saw a total of 33 visitors. The Museum is now closed until May.

Collections.

Catalog. Ron completed entering 2005 and has begun transcribing 2004.

Local History. We responded to eight queries from the community during the past month.

Expansion of Falmouth-related content on the website continues with ten links to family references and one map added.

Communications. Betsy raised the issue of communications (or the lack thereof) with the membership. We must do a better job of keeping our members informed. A long discussion followed in which Sally and Betsy volunteered to take some of the items we already had in hand and draft a newsletter we could publish quickly. David would send them the template.

Merchandise.

Cookbook. Editing of volumes I and II continues.

Falmouth-themed merchandise. We received quotes from BGA. Some items and colors have long lead-times or minimum orders. If we want to have the new merchandise by Very Merry Falmouth, our best choices are Fleece-lined Beanies and the Jute Accent Rope Totes. The Board approved purchasing \$400 of new goods.

Museum Buildings & Grounds. The Museum and Barn are now shut down for winter. Items vulnerable to mice have been bagged and stowed. The grounds have been put to bed including fresh mulch on the gardens. The hot water heater is off and the plumbing drained. Signage is up (except for a replacement sign on the drive which is on order). The pole for the sign on the drive is firmly in the

ground. Snow shovels and guides have been put out. All is ready for a long Maine winter.

The locksmith came out and the Museum and Barn keysets are all working well.

After some discussion, the president of MAJCO, the roofing company that repaired the ridge on the barn, said they would donate the cost of the repair. Ron will get the information so we can formally thank them.

Technology. Nothing significant to report.

Development. Nothing significant to report.

General Topics

There were short discussions about preservation of artifacts and recruiting volunteers.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Farnham, Secretary