

Minutes of the Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting
Falmouth Heritage Museum
November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Present were David Farnham (president/treasurer), Sue Farnham (secretary), Erin Cadigan, Fred Howe, Ron Scorsone, and Betsy Jo Whitcomb (directors).

Treasurer's Report. Now that we have an approved budget, this was the first report showing our actual vs. budgeted expenditures. Our spending is trending below budget thanks in large part to the generosity of AAA Energy with their donation of the water heater for the museum. We have a balance of \$11,339.31 in our operating accounts and \$31,990.56 with the foundation.

The FY16-17 financial documents have been assembled and are ready to be audited. Renewal of our state license as a charitable organization has been submitted. Because the financial report accompanying last year's renewal used the FY14-15 data, they want the FY15-16 data instead of the FY16-17 we submitted. This is the same data holding up submission of our 2017 tax return.

Secretary's Report. Our membership current consists of 36 (29 families) current members, 62 (47 families) pending renewal, and 46 (23 families) lapsed. We expect to send out the mailers with postage paid return envelopes later this month.

Old Business. Betsy reports the cost of a plain painted weatherproof sign is \$1,700. Installation will cost an additional \$800. \$1,000 has been donated towards it. It was suggested that we apply to the Lions Club for help with the cost of the sign. Betsy will see if the background could be blue instead of white.

We had a table at the election; we sold some merchandise and received a donation. We had a table at the volunteer fair; attendance was about the same as last year but several people expressed interest.

These events are opportunities to attract new members. We could draw more attention if we had:

- Brochures and promotional material
- Posters
- Table cover with banner printed on the front “drop” side.
- Freestanding banner

We need pictures showing what we do at the museum for the posters.

There was a lengthy discussion of Tercentennial activities. The location of the Sock Hop Dance on March 24, 2018 has been set for Lunt Auditorium. Erin has requested that the fee be waived. We need to find a DJ.

Erin announced that Donna Little and Wayne Cobb offered to do a tour of the Quaker Tavern on Sunday February 4, 2018. Tea and cookies will be included.

Tercentennial events include:

- February: Lecture on “Falmouth to 1718”
“Tea and Talk” at Quaker Tavern
- March: Sock Hop
- May: Lecture on “From Farmland to Vacationland”
Memorial Day Weekend: Falmouth Fest and Parade
Bus Tour
- July: Dinner on the Coast
- September: Lecture (Wayne Cobb) on “Quakers in Falmouth”
Bus Tour
- October: Annual Meeting: Consider having a panel of local historians
(Devine, Reiche, Cobb, Dyhrberg).
- November: Lecture (Larry Dyhrberg) on the “Danish Community in Falmouth”

Eileen Skinner donated a large load of bricks which Gnome graciously stacked by the barn. This will allow us to extend the paved area once the new ramp is done.

New Business. The proposed calendar for 2018 was discussed and will be posted on the web site as soon as dates are firm. We will review and discuss our goals for 2018 at the December board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next board meeting will be December 5th, 6:30 p.m., at the Museum

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Farnham, Secretary