

Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting  
Russell Room, Falmouth Memorial Library  
September 6, 2016

Those present: President, Jeanne Madden; Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb;  
Directors: David & Suzanne Farnham and Bev Knudsen.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the President.

The first order of business was a discussion of joining the library book sale at the Motz gym on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sale is from 9 AM-4 PM. Jeanne thought a good time to be there was 10-12 AM. It was agreed that we would set up a table and sell some of our old books that have been left over from previous yard sales. Anyone who can help is welcome. Dave, Suzanne, Bev, Betsy and Jeanne all can help.

Betsy told of connecting with some of the Leighton family who grew up in our museum. The family is coming to Falmouth for a visit Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and some Board members wished to be there as well. Betsy will open the museum at 12:45 PM and the family is due at 1 PM. They will then go to the Andrews home at 18 Woods Road where our museum was moved from. Anyone is invited to join us to greet them.

There was a discussion of having a table on Election Day. The Town Clerk is NOT allowing any tables inside the gym for this Presidential Election, therefore anyone who has a table will be outside. It was decided to wait and see what the weather will be and if it is an "Indian summer day", Jeanne will set up a table and anyone who is available is invited to join her...stay tuned for another announcement on this.

Betsy and Jeanne told of their meeting with Bailey Sign to replace the sign we have on the front lawn. The quote we received is for \$4600.00 which would be for a two-sided metal sign that would be repositioned to run parallel to the driveway and closer to the road. It would be maintenance free. Apparently the one we have now is made of mahogany (a bad choice for outdoor use) and a cedar replacement would be almost double the cost of the metal and would last

about 10 years. Since we do not have the funds for replacing the sign, the decision to have the sign made is tabled to see if we can get some funding.

This led into a discussion of nominations for the Board and a general discussion of the future of the organization. There were no positive responses to any of our requests for members to join the Board. After some discussion of if it was time to have a talk with the Town officials to see if we can get some financial help to run the organization, Dave suggested he take a look at the town budget to see what he can find for information in that. It was decided to have Jeanne-and anyone who wants to work with her-go to the service organizations to seek their financial help and then consider going to talk with Nathan Poor, Town Manager, about what help the Town can give us. This will be further discussed at our next Board meeting.

Betsy told of asking Sherri Fistal, a member and master Gardener, help with our garden at the museum. They have cleaned it out, Sherri has gotten us approved with the Cooperative Extension, and next January we will be eligible for funds to restart a garden. Sherri will help put in a fall planting of shallots and garlic and cover it with straw for the winter. Next spring she will work with the Cooperative Extension and us to replant the garden.]

There was a discussion of the Annual Meeting in October. It was decided that we need to have a speaker to draw an audience and Dave and Jeanne will work on that. The date may be October 11<sup>th</sup>, but that may change. We may also have a Board Meeting October 4<sup>th</sup>. Jeanne will make a decision later about that.

We also had a short discussion about Grants. We really need someone who can write these and the Stephen King grant is due in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary