

Minutes of the Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting

Falmouth Heritage Museum April 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Present were David Farnham (president/treasurer), Rich Meserve (vice-president), Sue Farnham (secretary), and Ron Scorsone. Also present were Max (**last name**), Eagle Scout candidate who will be leading the rebuilding of our stairway and ADA ramp, and his mother (**name**).

Stairway and ADA access (ramp) rebuilding project. Max introduced himself and talked about the timeline and planning of the project. He will not be in this area in the summer, so he hopes to either complete it by the beginning of June or postpone the construction phase until September. Other people who will be involved in the project will be a teacher, an assistant scoutmaster, and an uncle who has carpentry experience. Max will be going in to see Justin Brown, the chief code enforcement officer at Town Hall tomorrow. It would be most helpful if we could provide a copy of the plan for the existing ramp. Max will also reach out to Hancock Lumber regarding building materials. It was also suggested that he contact the Lions Club, which has been very supportive of Eagle Scout projects in the past.

We need to put together a list of things we want to include in the rebuilding of the ramp. Ron talked about widening the ramp in front of the doorway by about another foot to enable a wheelchair to pivot for entry into the building (this may be required by code). It may be possible and desirable to reorient the ramp and stairs in the other direction. David would like to address lighting at the same time. This may be beyond Max's abilities and budget; however, it may be the most cost-effective time to get it done. We would need to pay for those expenses. It may also be necessary to install a new threshold and entry door.

Treasurer's report. At this time we have \$385 in uncleared expenses and \$153 in pending bills. The 2017-18 snow removal bill came in and was paid. Sales brought in \$311.00. \$1400 was transferred into checking from savings. We have a balance of \$7688.44 in our operating accounts and \$32,847.63 with the Foundation.

Secretary's report. There has been no change in membership since February, with 85 members from 66 households.

The March minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Old business.

Building maintenance – Ron

The new inner basement door is set in place, and just needs sealing and weather-stripping to finish it.

The "mouse highway" has been closed with mesh. Spray foam will be added soon.

The heat pump is frozen with ice and so is not functioning. Ron will call AAA.

The driveway is our next big issue. We will ask Fred to investigate obtaining recycled asphalt from the town (we will need to address regrading and drainage issues before resurfacing).

Sue has contacted the Cumberland Wood Bank about our downed trees.

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The SockHop failed to draw the expected crowd. In the process of setting up payment options for this, we DID get 'SquarePay' (credit card processing) up and running, which will be very helpful in facilitating payment at product sales and future events.

Plans for the May Historic sites tour of east and central Falmouth are nearing completion. Denise would like to do a "dry run" with us.

The Wabanaki lecture is filled and looks to be successful

Lecture on *Restoring the Narcissus* takes place on April 17.

Tickets for *Dinner on the Coast* (July 22) are now for sale online.

Digital Cataloging. Ron had a discussion with Jeanne Madden. Her advice was to use the customizable standard option package and keep it simple for now.

Photo donations. Erin and Ron will develop guidelines and a policy for photo and photo album donations.

David suggested that we seek donations of old telephone books for this area. Holdings of phone books in local libraries are surprisingly sparse. They seem to have taken the place of city directories during the 1960's and later.

Rick is waiting to hear from the *Tall Ships* people about the Lutheran ship model.

The issue of the Girl Scout dolls is deferred.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Farnham, Secretary.