

# The Falmouth Historical Society

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Zoom Meeting—June 1, 2021

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

## **Secretary's Report**

Minutes. Minutes for the May Board meetings had been distributed for review. The Board accepted the minutes as written.

Membership. Our active membership is 88.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Finances. The draft budget for fiscal year 2021-22 is not ready. Board members/committee chairs are asked to provide input on any anticipated expenses.

The Society has a balance of \$3,199 in its operating accounts and \$18,294 with the Foundation. Our accounts receivable is \$50 and our accounts payable is \$235.

As we near the end of our fiscal year, our expenses are right on budget--just \$5 under for the year. Our projected fiscal year-end balance is \$839 above target which means our operating accounts have sufficient funds to carry us through July.

## **Committee Reports**

Programs. David reported that creation of maps for the school was delayed for technical reasons. The materials are located on a file server which suffered a malfunction. No data was lost and the server should be up and running soon.

Museum Operation & Exhibits. The state lifted the Covid restrictions but published guidelines we need to review. Betsy reported that Ann Gagnon, once of our most stalwart volunteers, is no longer able to serve as a docent at the Museum but she will continue to participate where possible.

## Collections.

*Acquisitions.* David mentioned the photograph albums featuring pictures of North Falmouth ca. 1900 donated by Cumberland's Prince Library. We are always on the look-out for old pictures of Falmouth and its people. The challenge now will be figuring out which houses are in the photos. Betsy spoke about some items donated by the family of the late Ralph Bonville.

*Catalog.* Nothing significant to report.

Local History. We responded to five queries from the community during the past month. One query gave David the excuse to research the location of Fort New Casco. It would make a good topic for a presentation at the Annual Meeting, especially with all that is happening at the Portland Country Club.

Nothing happened with the website expansion; most of the material is stored on the server.

Communications. The next issue of the newsletter was also delayed due to the server problem. We plan to have a table outside the polls during the June municipal elections.

## Merchandise.

*Cookbook.* Sue is about halfway through copying recipes into the galley for last section of Volume I (savory).

Museum Buildings & Grounds. The focus is on readying the museum for reopening. Two maintenance issues have arisen: some shingles appear to have been blown off the roof during winter. Septic pumping is long overdue and Ron will arrange for pumping.

Technology. Nothing significant to report.

Development. Nothing significant to report.

## **General Topics**

Carol suggested holding a membership night at OceanView in November. She recommended having as a guest speaker a woman who grew up in Falmouth, served abroad in the Foreign Services eventually becoming an ambassador, and

returned to Falmouth in retirement. Everyone agreed that this sounded like a really good idea.

There being no other new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Farnham Secretary