

The Falmouth Historical Society
Board Meeting
Falmouth Memorial Library
July 29, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President, Scott McLeod.

Those present: President, Scott McLeod; V. President, Jeanne Madden; Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb; Directors: Maryellen Tetreau, Ann Gagnon, Beverley Knudsen, and Colleen Donovan.

Scott said he had a letter of resignation by Barbara McLeod. After some discussion, it was decided to table her request until the next Board meeting. He also announced that he would be stepping down as President at the Annual meeting and Jeanne would be moving up to the President's position.

The first topic discussed was about the letter about to be sent to the membership explaining the reason for our not being as open to the public as we have been and the desire of the Board to instead concentrate on the work of rehabbing our museum in order to consolidate our museum and office into one area. The letter also stated that all dues and other moneys collected at this time would be put toward our museum project which is estimated to cost about \$20,000. It was voted unanimously to send the letter and accept the bid for having a heating/climate control system put into the museum as soon as possible. A progress report will be made to the membership at our annual meeting on October 20, 2015.

The next subject discussed was the need for an easement on the border of the museum property with Mark Stevanovic. Mark is moving and selling his house and there is a small piece of his driveway on the museum property which has not ever been clearly settled with an easement. Betsy is acting as the Board representative to work with the Town of Falmouth to have an easement agreement written up and have Mark pay any costs incurred by us to do that. The Board voted that this is the proper course of action.

The final topic discussed was the temporary suspension of our constitution since it seems to the Board that the organization is not large enough to support the constitution as written. It was agreed that the time has come to have a committee look over the constitution/bylaws and make any suggested changes necessary, but with all that is going on, it was felt that now is not the time. It was moved by Colleen Donovan and seconded by Bev and Maryellen to suspend the bylaws effective today (July 29, 2015) until March 31, 2016. At that time we will evaluate our situation and discuss the resumption of the bylaws.

It was decided that each one of us would contact members to see who would be nominated for officers and Directors at our October 20th annual meeting. Colleen Donovan agreed to become our current Treasurer effective immediately.

Current status of the Board:

President: Jeanne will fill Scott's position for one year and then take over for a 2-year term.

V President: **Vacant**

Secretary: Betsy has one more year on her term.

Treasurer: Colleen will be Treasurer for the remainder of this year and then someone needs to be elected for a 2 year term.

Scott will stay on one year as Immediate Past President

Directors: Bev has one more year on her term

Ann is due for re-election if she wishes

Maryellen needs to be replaced

Janice is due to be re-elected if she wishes

Colleen needs to be replaced as Director if she takes Treasurer's job

Barbara needs to be replaced

We can have up to 15 Directors so let's see what we can do during August. Please let Jeanne or I know if you get someone who is willing to be an officer/director ASAP.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 @ Falmouth Library - 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary

