

CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Pete Wilson, Sandy Nickerson, Linda Fulda, Herb Foster, Nancy Latham, Lynda Jensen, Margie Gruber, Carolyn Small.

President Carolyn Small called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. at the Society's headquarters at 4A Blanchard Road, Cumberland, Maine.

The Secretary's minutes of March 22, 2017 were approved for file.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved for file. Treasurer Pete Wilson suggested that the Society not use a debit card for purchases. President Small will turn hers in to the bank.

President's Report:

Drum Repair: The drum was removed in mid-April by East Point Furniture Conservation.

Building Repair: To date, no word from the Town or Resurgence Engineering and Preservation.

Annual Membership Meeting: Will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in June (June 15, 2017) at the Town Office/Council Chambers. Business meeting will be at 6:30 followed by a program at 7 pm.

Program: No decision for topic or presenter at this time. Board members were asked to submit ideas to President Small.

2017-2108 Slate of Officers: The proposed slate of officers for 2017-2018 will be published in the next newsletter.

School Visits: Six classes of second grade students will be visiting the museum over the next few weeks. Visits will depend on weather conditions as they walk from Main Street/Greely to the museum. The average size class is approximate 21 students.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Chairman Lynda Jensen reported that all is going well. E-mail reminders are being followed up with a phone call to those who have been remiss in renewing their membership.

Scholarship: Betsy Huston, Margie Gruber, Leigh Fulda and Linda Fulda will meet shortly to select a winner. There are 15 applicants for this year's \$1,000.00 award.

Town Web Site: Margie Gruber has been working hard on providing a link to the Society on the Town's web site. ([www.CumberlandMaine.org](http://www.CumberlandMaine.org)). The link eventually will include a history of the Society, a connection to the Society's FaceBook page, application for membership, and news of programs, meetings, etc. She suggests that we remove the current CHS web page but continue using Facebook.

Bylaws and Constitution Change: There is still confusion on the part of some members of the board as to this issue. The board was unable to approve for a vote by the membership at the annual meeting neither of the two proposals dealing with the suggested wording dealing with the "purpose" (Article II, section 2.01) of the Constitution of CHS. Margie Gruber and Linda Fulda volunteered to do a thorough review and re-write of the Constitution and Bylaws over the next few months. Their review and rewrite will be submitted to the board for review and comments.

Finance Committee: The Board would like to have a budget for 2017-2018 which will help with a better understanding of the financial needs of the Society. Treasurer Pete Wilson will need board/committee members to take an inventory of current items for sale and list projected needs such office supplies, gardening needs, program expenses, rental of sale tables, etc. Pete needs these figures by June 30<sup>th</sup>. He also will need to send the drum repair firm (East Point Furniture Conservation) a 1099 form in order that we will not pay tax on the repair.

#### New Business:

Curator Position: According to the current constitution of the Society, the Curator is appointed by the Officers and Trustees (Article III – 3.02) and is not an office that is elected by the general membership at the annual membership meeting. Jeff Frost has expressed interest in this position. Some members of the board would like to meet with him as the position of curator denotes being the chair of the Accessioning Committee.

Cumberland Fair Float: The CHS is invited to enter a float in the Fair parade at the end of September. This project will need a chairman, budget, theme, etc. Nancy Latham expressed interest in doing this.

Bus Tours: Two dates have been secured: June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Memorial Day Open House and Yard Sale: The Society will be open on Memorial Day (May 29<sup>th</sup>) from 9 .m. to approximately 2 p.m. (Closing during the parade). A "white elephant" sale will take place between 1 and 2 p.m. Board members are encouraged to bring no-longer wanted/needed items for donation.

Mail Box: Mail addressed to the Society's street address (4A Blanchard Road) has been delivered to 4 Blanchard Road as the Society currently does not have street delivery ... only a USPS box (Box 82, Cumberland, Maine). President Small requested that the Society purchase and erect a street mail box to solve the issue. The motion was made and seconded to purchase the mail box.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Linda S. Fulda, Secretary Pro-tem

