

CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, ~~2017~~ 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Pete Wilson, Linda Fulda, Lynda Jensen, Thomas Bennett, Margery Gruber, Betsy Huston

Trustee Chair Linda Fulda called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. at the Society's headquarters at 4A Blanchard Road, Cumberland, Maine.

The Minutes of February 15, 2017 were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. The board discussed casualty and liability insurance for the Society. It was decided to go with Averill Insurance (Marilyn Mathews) in North Yarmouth for coverage. Margery Gruber suggested \$200,000 personal property coverage and \$2 million liability. The Treasurer will pursue this suggestion.

Membership: Lynda Jensen reported that our membership currently stands at 138 paid members. All names and addresses are now in Excel with dates of joining/renewing recorded. A suggestion of also having the membership list placed on Access would be beneficial to the Society. Thomas Bennett currently uses Access at the Library and will be happy to assist Lynda with this.

Constitution Article II of the Constitution: Thomas Bennett has proposed the following change to Article II: Purpose to read as follows:

"The purpose of the Society shall be to collect, preserve and display the cultural, historical and scientific materials that document the prehistory and history of the area now known as the Town of Cumberland, with the goal of supporting and furthering research into its people, culture and natural world."

This will again be brought to the board at their May meeting for final approval of recommendation to the general membership at the June Annual Membership Meeting. Note: All changes to the Constitution and By Laws must be approved at the Annual Meeting.

Internet Connection: This should happen once the 2017-2018 Town Budget is approved (most likely in July). There was discussion about our connection with Maine Memory Network, our Facebook site, the possible need for a web site, and perhaps establishing some sort of "link" within the Town's site. Margery Gruber will look into what the Society might be able to do on the Town's web page.

Meeting with Abraham Schechter of the Portland Library on March 11, 2017: Board members Carolyn Small, Lynda Jensen, Brian Jensen, and Linda Fulda met with him at the Society. He gave the Society some suggestions, noting that space is our biggest issue. Suggestions: check with the Library to see what papers, books, etc. that they are collecting in order not to duplicate; paper based materials vs. large items should be a priority; need to properly store items such as photos, pictures, maps and should be identified. A mission of the Society should be three-fold: Basic Mission, Collective Mission, and Outreach Mission. Communication issues: Facebook can have copyright issues for non-profits. Some organizations use "blogs". Schechter is quite willing to make another visit or answer any questions that we may have. (abraham@portland.lib.me.us).

Building Repairs: A contract with Resurgence has been signed by the Town to address the issues of the building. We should expect to have Resurgence come to further take measurements and suggestions for the structural repair of the building with the Town deciding as to how and when to address the repairs and by what firm.

Nominating: We do not have a nominating chairman for the slate of officers for 2017-2018. Members present were asked to contact President Carolyn Small as to their desire to remain in office, to assume another position, or to not be an officer or trustee. A slate of officers will be presented to the membership first in the May newsletter for a vote at the Annual Membership Meeting in June.

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

Respectfully submitted;

Elizabeth Huston, Secretary

Note: Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 10 a.m.