

The Falmouth Historical Society
Annual Meeting
October 13, 2015
Falmouth Memorial Library-Russell Room

The annual meeting of the Falmouth Historical Society was held at the Falmouth Memorial Library, Russell Room with 16 members/guests present.

The meeting was called to order by President, Scott McLeod at 6:45 PM. Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked the Secretary to give a report.

Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, reported that the Historical Society has participated in the Memorial Day parade and the Library Sundae, but had not done much publically. However we have been active behind the scenes.

The Board held a retreat in April with Dr. Erin Bishop and invited guests from the community. This was an excellent event and we came away with a renewed sense of purpose.

The highlight of the year was the decision to consolidate our office into the museum which was a project we had discussed for many years. Right now the museum is having a heating/climate control system installed and we hope to be in the renovated space before the end of the year. In the meantime we are conducting a pledge drive to help pay the estimated \$20,000 it will cost.

Scott gave the President's report talking about the tree cutting at the museum done in association with the town conservation committee and how we were paid \$2400 for the lumber harvested. He said we will be talking more about how we intend to develop this land in the future. He also talked about the April retreat and how it had set the stage for the coming year and our activities. A copy of the evaluation will be emailed to interested people.

Vice President, Jeanne Madden, then talked about the museum renovation, what the process was in making a decision to do them and a progress report on the work being done and the financing to pay for it. She reported that she is still getting good response from the membership and over \$5000 has been raised so far and we have about \$6200 available through our endowment with the Maine

Community Foundation. The work is proceeding well and hopefully we will be done by Thanksgiving.

Scott passed out a balance sheet for the year and answered any questions from the members.

Jeanne and Betsy told about our upcoming involvement in the Town of Falmouth's Tercentennial celebration in 2018 and Jeanne said the Library and Historical Society will present a program about antique books by Ken Gloss in the spring.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the upcoming year. The slate as presented by the Board included:

- President: Jeanne Madden
- V. President: open
- Secretary: Betsy Jo Whitcomb
- Treasurer: Colleen Donovan

Scott will step down as President and act as an advisor as Immediate Past President. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented and the motion passed.

Rich Meserve and David Farnham agreed to become Board members and a motion was made and seconded to elect them to the Board. Motion carried. The first Board meeting will be held in November—date to be announced.

The rest of the meeting was a general question and answer period about the Society and our plans for a move to the museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM with refreshments enjoyed and a meet and greet with the new Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary