

The Falmouth Historical Society

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Zoom Meeting—April 9, 2024

The meeting came to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were board members Betsy Whitcomb, Carol Kauffman, David Farnham, Rich Meserve, Ron Scorsone, Sally Farneth, and Sue Farnham. The meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m.

Monthly Meeting of the FHS Board of Directors

The board discussed options to keep the electricity running during a power outage. The board then moved on to planning for the elementary school field trip and the Falmouth Festival.

Outline

Society business

- David highlighted actions for the Society in the new Falmouth Comprehensive Plan related to preserving historic resources and providing signage for historic sites. He urged a board member to step forward as the "point person" for historic preservation.
- David discussed the financial state of the organization, highlighting positive trends in net current assets and projected year-end gain, while noting a potential increase in insurance costs.
- Rich praised a past recipient of the scholarship. He will reach out to Falmouth Schools regarding this year's scholarship.

Upcoming events

- Sally is working with Falmouth Schools on arrangements for the second-grade field trip.
- Carol is working with Falmouth Community Programs on arrangements for the Falmouth Festival and the Falmouth History Tour.

Historical collections and research

- The Collections Committee meets weekly to organize the Marge Merrill Devine Collection.
- Ron has finished transcribing the ledgers for 2019 and 2021. There was nothing to do for 2020, and he has begun 2022.
- David is working on a feature article for the spring newsletter about the history of a local restaurant after receiving photographs taken by a German tourist who visited Falmouth in 1983.
- The article about the two old homes on the Foreside will be published in the summer newsletter to coincide with bus tours.

Museum operations

- Ron found that there had been minor overflow of the basement sump during the two power outages. He will explore options to keep the sump pump running during power outages.