

Townsend Historical Society
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2020

In accordance with ongoing Covid-19 safety measures, this annual meeting was held virtually using Zoom.

Fourteen members were in attendance. A quorum for the meeting was achieved.

The meeting was called to order by President Ryan D. Hayward at 1:40 pm. He made brief remarks, welcoming everyone and noting that, because this meeting needed to be held virtually, his report, the minutes, the financial report and the slate of officers would be sent to members who will have time to review them before the end of the year. The meeting then proceeded with reports:

Kara Fossey, acting secretary, read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. The minutes were accepted as read, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Taber Morrell, the site administrator, began his report by noting that it was a challenging and wishing wellness for all in attendance. He reported that most of our in-person programs could not be held so the society needed to come up with creative ways to engage the public online with programs, virtual tours, and social media posts.

The treasurer, Dana Blanchard read his report and noted that it was a financially stable year even though we were not able to hold our Arts & Crafts Fair and there was a decrease in investments. However, the society was able to hold a couple fundraisers such as an online appraisal and a quilt show. Dana was pleased to announce that the loan for Grist Mill stabilization and restoration was paid off. One member in attendance asked if the society took money out of the investments to put into working capital and the answer was yes. The report was accepted, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The slate of officers was presented as:

President: Ryan Hayward
Vice President: Kara Fossey
Treasurer: Dana Blanchard
Assistant Treasurer: Sharon Lacasse

The directors were presented as:

Jan Johnson
Sandi Tuttle
Clare Kauppi

Shannon Murphy
Kathy Spofford
with Life Member Mary West

It was noted that there are two vacancies on the board.

A motion made to accept the slate contingent on the decision by membership up until December 16, the date of the next board meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was no new or old business from the floor.

The business meeting was dissolved at 2:09 pm.

The meeting was followed by a program: "The Power of the Zodiac?" by Dee Morris which featured some historical Townsend people in context of the signs of the Zodiac.

Respectfully submitted, Kara Fossey, Acting Secretary