

Townsend Historical Society Minutes
March 3, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:36pm

Present: Jerrilyn Bozicas, Vicki Brunelle, Bill Rideout, Maryjane Churchville, Emma Grazier, Clare Kauppi, Sharon Lacasse, Karen Rapoza, Jock Snaith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mtg of 1/27/25 approved with changes

- Parlor course of restoration: Discussion to go with original plan (1 wall hinged - between the doors which shows hand painted border)

BR made a motion to accept the original plan. **JS** will offer Scott Bridge, a friend, \$4500 to do the work with him to complete the work to install the paneling so it can be painted.

BR made a motion to have Jock and Scott restore the parlor as stated above. **EG** 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

- Insurance premium increase: Increase is in process as we made over 1 million, as a gift.
- Harbor Church re-opening: Expect to open this summer. Still on hold due to the septic system, which needs to be cleared prior to using the building. **JS** suggested we hold a Gala event with the directors upon opening. Also discussed having a private fundraiser, and renting and cleaning the building, and the number of people the building will accommodate, with and without chairs (80-100).

OLD BUSINESS

- Arts and Crafts Fair: **CK** stated that we would have food vendors this year, but there will be no charge to the vendors.

Motion made by **SL** to not charge the Boy Scouts/vendors a fee. **VB** 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **BR** emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Directors.
Stated that our Utility bill should be better this month, as the outdoor lights will not be on as they were this past month.
- The Church of Christ, which rents Squannicook School, is interested in renting Harbor Meeting House. **JS** made a motion to accept the Church of Christ offer to rent our building, and **JB** 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

- **CK** stated that monies can not be left in the office, and need to be deposited weekly. **MJC** will copy checks and leave them in a special folder. **BR** will reconcile checks with Quickbooks. **BR** will show **MJC** how to access Quickbooks.

SITE REPORT:

- **MJC** stated due to the busyness of the month, she does not have a written site report.
 - 1) Robert is returning tomorrow, 3-4. He is scanning notebooks, re: clothes. She also stated that Robert is very knowledgeable on Past Perfect and is logging in/scanning the textiles. **BR** stated there is a word doc for every item. Robert may be able to copy and paste text. **Bill** will write up the directions. Next step: need object name, which will not be easy to determine. **Bill** will meet with MaryJane to determine how to go through all the clothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Irish Night ticket sales and workforce
 - MJC**: Dancing floor, Jeremy to lay floor. Volunteers needed.
 - MJC and JB** posted 50 posters and 12 leprechauns advertising the event
 - SL** will send the newspaper, The Voice, to **MJC**.
- 2) Education: no updates
- 3) Calendar Cmte: no updates

Motion made by **JS** to accept the cmte reports, **MJC** 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter of resignation: **CK** read Terri Zwicker's letter. Motion made to accept letter, passed unanimously, with regret.
- Rep Scarsdale earmarks: will discuss at next meeting
- Minuteman march, scheduled for April 19th.
- Exhibit of R.W. artifacts: **MJC** will follow up with Chris and Eileen Barnacoat.
- Solicit paraphernalia: Theme is the American Revolutionary War.

NEXT MEETING: March 31st, 2025 @ 5:30pm - Reed House