THS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026

Attendees: Karen Rapoza, Bill Rideout, Jock Snaith, Alex Eberhardt, Nia Raine, Bev Napior
Via Zoom: Ben Jaehne, Vicki Brunelle
Members: Lindsay Morand

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm

Motion made by Bill to accept the minutes from the July 13th meeting, **2nd by Bev, passed unanimously.**

Lindsay had reviewed the size of the room which would be for the EB White collection, and stated that the room would be workable.
Motion made by Bill to accept the contract as written, which will be added to Google drive. Bev 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Membership: Bill (report submitted)
-Membership has increased by 18 members due to Lindsay, upping our membership to a total of 150. A new Townsend Business membership is $100 should now include a complimentary advertisement in the newsletter.
Collections: Eileen(report submitted) via Bill
-We have several volunteers (Sharon LaCasse, Jane Jackson, Lee McTigue, and Laura Doell) assisting THS. Jock stated volunteers are very helpful.
-Emma and Jeane are working on the Bylaws and will be completed by November.

Various tools, planes and saws donated to THS.
Bill made a motion to accept these tools into the Tool Collection, Jock 2nd, passed unanimously.

Building and Grounds: Jock (report submitted)
- A public conservation meeting regarding the Harbor Church to be held Wednesday at 7pm
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- Work on the bathroom at the Cooperage progressing, including framing for the ADA bathroom and plumbing installation.

Cooperage:

-plans to be finished by the end of this month. Open House is planned for October 10th to show the completed work.

- Plans are underway to move contents from the Reed House borning room to the Toomey House.
- Jock stated need to connect more with local businesses: re parking
- Stated turbine is being reconstructed
- Sending out notices for help this Saturday

Reed House:

- Hope to complete by year end, Open House **December** 6th
- Painting to be done by Gerri Murray now, except those areas that need carpentry work, paint once work completed

Toomey House:

- Cost to paint $6500, but no carpentry work
- Looking into heating possibilities: Oil,gas, or mini-splits (follow up with Mass Save)

Marketing/Publicity: Nia (report submitted)

- The Hearth Cooking demonstration with Stacy Booth is scheduled for 10/29.
- The Footwork and Folic Event" was cancelled, not economically viable

Events: Karen/Chris

- The recent Band Concert was successful, profit of $750 from sales and memberships
- Currently have 46 vendors for the upcoming Arts and Crafts Fair
- Karen will follow up with Matt regarding the October event, to meet the annual funding requirement

Financial Reports: Ben (report submitted) Bill (report submitted)

- Ben: Working on a new grant proposals to Nvidia and Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation totaling $6K
- A $10,000 anonymous donation will be used to complete the Jonathan Poor murals.
- Bill: Discussion as to whether to sell Nvidia stock donated by an anonymous donor or hold it to due market volatility. Decision by board to put on hold till next month.
- Bill: CPA Form PC/ 990 expense for $6950 was noted.
- **Motion made by Bill to accept the Form 990 and state Form PC for the fiscal year of 2025, Jock 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.**

Personnel Committee: Karen

- The committee is searching for a business manager or site administrator to work 10-30hr a week to handle clerical, financial, and tech tasks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sale of the Abraham Prescott Bass: Bill/Jock

Motion: Bill made a motion to sell the Bass and deposit the proceeds into the society's general fund. Jock 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.

Samuel Thorpe painting: Bev/Jock

Met with Joni at the Noa Gallery in Groton, however, at this point, the meeting was not helpful.

Reed House: Bill

A joint event at Reed house involving Squannacook Greenway, the Indigenous Landscape Initiative, and THS, will meet with Shlomiya Lightfoot, on Aug 30th, to learn about invasive plants and do volunteer work on the grounds.

Next meeting: Sept 14th, 7pm, Water Dept.

Motion by Bill to adjourn meeting at 8:47pm, Jock 2nd, passed unanimously.