

The Falmouth Historical Society
Board Meeting
Falmouth Memorial Library
February 9, 2016

Those present: Jeannie Madden, President; Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary; Colleen Donovan, Treasurer; Directors Ann Gagnon, David Farnham, Rich Meserve; and a guest, Suzanne Farnham.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Jeannie announced that since the renewal notices with a request for financial donations was sent out last fall, we have received 78 renewals and money from renewals and donations is about \$6,820. Dave Merrill requested memorial funds be sent to the FHS and that has totaled about \$1,560. Jeannie moved that \$10,000 be taken from the savings & Capitol Fund to pay for the installation of the heating system. Motion was seconded and passed. She said she was going to put a "Thank You" article in the Forecaster soon.

There was a discussion of needs at the Museum. We have had flooding in the basement. The company who installed the heating system bought us a sump pump and used it to get the water out then and will come back in the spring to permanently install it. We also have a outside silcock that is not frost proof; a broken window pane in the back door; a missing downspout near the back door that causes ice to form on the steps; the railings are broken on the handicap ramp; and we have no hot water in the building. After discussion, it was decided to hope the silcock does not freeze up in the next month; Rich will have his students replace the downspout and window tomorrow; the railings will wait until spring as will the hot water. We have a hot water tank to be installed later. In the meantime, Betsy bought an electric tea kettle which will give us hot water to use.

Jeannie announced that Monday, February 29th at 6:30 PM the town is sponsoring a program talking about the Tercentennial celebration coming up. We were all invited to attend to hear about the plans. The FHS will be taking part in this celebration.

It was moved and seconded to accept the resignations of Mary Ellen Tetreau and Barbara McLeod from the Board and welcome Suzanne Farnham to the FHS Board. The motion passed.

It was decided to hold FHS Board meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Falmouth Memorial Library until we are able to hold them at our Museum. The next meeting will be March 1, 2016 at 6:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary