## Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting Falmouth Memorial Library July 12, 2016

Those present: President, Jeanne Madden; Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb; and Directors: Ann Gagnon, David Farnham, and Suzanne Farnham.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President, Jeanne Madden.

All of the discussion was about the lack of member help and lack of money to cover the expenses. A dues notice was sent to the membership last week that included an appeal for help to run the society. In the fall it is the feeling of the society Board that we will have to make a decision as to whether to maintain Society status or become a Falmouth History Conservership. It was agreed we need to continue running the museum on Tuesdays; become an active partner in the Tercentennial; continue partnering with the library on programs; and talk with people to try and get new members or have the inactive reactivate membership.

We talked about getting our database up and running and Dave will check with the MHS and Maine Memory Network to see if we can work with them on this.

We also discussed the need to go to the businesses to ask for their support. To this end Dave will help work on putting together a portfolio that we can use to accomplish this. Hopefully this will be ready by our annual meeting in October.

Also brought up was the need to establish a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of officers/directors for October. We will need a V President and Directors. Bev and Ann are finishing their first 2-year term and can continue for another term. Betsy has one more year as Secretary and then is eligible to become a director. Rich, David, and Suzanne have one more year on their current terms and Colleen also has one more year on her term. We need to recruit more directors. Please let Jeanne know if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

The next meeting is AUGUST 2, 2016 @ 6:30 PM at the library.

Respectfully Submitted, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary