

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for October 4, 2010
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President, Denny Lentz called the business meeting to order with 35 people in attendance. He welcomed everyone and talked about how we are sorry to see Bobbie and John Atkinson move away. We all wish them well! He also mentioned that we did well selling our stuff at Eliot Festival Day. We also took in four new members.

Denny was glad to see Peggy Elliott in attendance and also to see Cyndi Sullivan back after a brief stay in the hospital.

Secretary's Report Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the September meeting. There was a correction and an addition and the amended minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson read the treasurer's report showing debits for the electric bill, postage stamps, Grange rental, a book purchase, and \$300 for the cake for the Bicentennial Ball. There were credits of \$580 for sales from Helen Goransson's book, \$8 for Jeanette's poem signing and \$80 from Eliot books giving a balance of \$3,831.59 in the checking account. With an interest posting there was a balance of \$14,545.20 in the savings account. Her report was approved.

Committee Chair Reports

Correspondence Peggy Elliott said that she had sent a thank you to Kennebunk Savings Bank for the \$280 given to us as part of the Community Investment program.

Membership Janet Saurman reported that she had taken in new members giving us a total of 85 members.

Program Carol Zamarchi pointed out that there is a change in the program for next month. The program will be Joan Feldmeier of Eliot doing a narration on "A Portrait of a Plains Family" including authentic songs.

Collections Julie reported that we have an acquisition from Keith Searles of 28 stamped envelopes from the late 1800s to early 1900s from Ellen Tobey Millikin addressed to M.P. Tobey. Julie said that Eleanor Tobey Millikin was one of the original Tobeyes from Tobey's corner. She sent Keith a thank-you.

Building Paul Johnson didn't have much to report. He said they had a very successful year thanks to all the volunteers as they had power washed and painted the front of the Grange Hall and had refinished the floors.

PR/Publicity Carolyn Bogh was not in attendance as her husband, Dick, was in the hospital. We need to get a card off to Dick.

Fund Raising Carol Zamarchi had nothing new to report.

Education Jeanette Paul said she still talks with some of the students periodically and they rave about their visit to the #8 schoolhouse.

Old Business

Various members had been looking for a new home for our "collection". After some investigating Zip found a possible location at Tobey Sheet Metal Building on route 236 in Eliot. It is bright, clean, heated, air-conditioned, good space and rent would be \$100 a month. We could try it for 6 months. We could access the collection Monday through Friday. It was agreed by consensus. We also will need to purchase some shelving racks at a cost of approximately \$150 to \$300. We would continue to look for something more permanent.

The nominating committee is at work to come up with a slate of officers and directors for 2011 term. They will present their slate of officers and directors at the December "annual" meeting when the election will be held. If anyone is interested in serving please contact someone on that committee. This committee consists of Helen Goransson, Rosanne Adams and Jeff Koch.

Denny again talked about the box he has placed at the back of the room where members can place items to go into our "time capsule". He again reminded us that pictures should be labeled with name, date and place and put in an envelope with the donor's name. Please use pencil or labels on back of pictures rather pen.

Eric said that the ceremony placing a proper stone on the grave of General Andrew Pepperell Fernald probably would not be held until around Memorial Day in 2011. Pelkey Funeral Home is holding the stone until that time.

New Business

Denny lead a discussion and then appointed a committee to initiate planning/options for a permanent home for our "collection". He said we need space for collection storage and to display with meeting room and adequate parking. Denny talked about

planning for a possible future building for us. Denny appointed Zip Zamarchi to head the committee with Jack McDonough, Paul Johnson, Janet Saurman and Carol Selsberg. Denny would be working with them.

Denny also asked if there is any one with experience who might be willing to look into writing and obtaining grants for non-profit organizations. Helen Goransson raised her hand and said she would look into it.

Denny thanked Cindy Lentz for the night's refreshments.

He then introduced the program chairman, Carol Zamarchi, who introduced the night's speaker, Ray Faulkner. Ray stepped forward as a "historian" dressed in his Revolutionary War uniform. Ray gave us so much information leading up to the war and how the colonists were affected. He told us about the influence of the French as well as the English in our area. Ray had a great display of 6 flags starting with the flag of England with the cross of St. George. He talked about each flag and how they evolved to our current flag. He had a large display at the front of the room and went through each item telling us how the items were used. He showed us different features of different uniforms. He showed us how to use the Brown Bess and talked about the importance of the drummer and how he would give out the orders for firing. He had a wealth of knowledge to share with us and was happy to answer any questions.

Cindy Lentz then served the refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary