

## **ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Minutes of Meeting for November 1, 2010  
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President, Denny Lentz called the business meeting to order with 34 people in attendance. He welcomed everyone including guests. Denny said that we are again having a booth at Marshwood Christmas Fair and he asked if anyone is interested in participating. Denny has the narratives from the Bicentennial river cruise done by Paul Russo and Jeanette Paul. He can send them electronically to anyone interested. He said there is continued work being done on Eliot cemeteries. If anyone is interested in helping, let him know. They are taking pictures of stones. They are getting the exact GPS location of the cemetery. The hope is to create an interactive map so one could access the map of a cemetery and be able to locate the folks in that cemetery. He reminded everyone to vote and to have a happy Thanksgiving.

Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the October meeting. There were a couple corrections made and the minutes were then approved.

Julie Johnson read the treasurer's report showing debits for the electric bill, a correspondence expense, Grange rental and 6 month's rent for our collection storage. There were credits for dues and a Royalty check from the Eliot book giving a balance of \$3,212.36 in the checking account. An interest credit gave a new balance of \$14,548.67 in the savings account. The treasurer's report was then approved.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

Membership Janet Saurman said that she would attempt to sign up more Historical Society memberships at the Christmas Fair.

Collections Julie reported that her committee had a good meeting recently at the Tobey Sheet Metal Building on Rte. 236. They worked for over 3 hours organizing the items in the collection by number. They will be meeting again to continue the process. She also has a new acquisition of a Geography book used by Jeanette Gordon Mitchell at the Laura Dame School. Denny said 6 new shelving units were purchased to be used in the new location.

Building Paul Johnson said that there is a fallen tree on the Grange property. He will ask the Grange ladies what their plans are for it. Would they like us to cut it up for them?

Grants Helen Goransson is applying for a grant through the Maine Historical Society. The goal of that organization is to get historical collections, digitized and itemized so that they know where things are and that they are well protected.

Building Planning Committee Zip Zamarchi reported that he is having a meeting of the building planning committee at his house at 7 PM on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business

Helen reported that the Nominating Committee is working on the slate of officers and directors for 2011. If anyone is interested in holding an office, please speak with Helen or a committee member.

Denny said that the General Andrew Pepperell Fernald marker ceremony would probably be around Memorial Day 2011.

### New Business

Denny invited Connie Weeks and two of her committee members to come forward to talk about Eliot Conservation. They talked about the history and health of York River and Pumpkin Town. They plan to combine their efforts with York to get funding. The first use of the funding would be to perform studies and then there would be classifying. They were asking for a letter of support from the Eliot Historical Society.

Denny thanked Greg Schroeder for his donation of documents relative to a home he resided in at 8 Fernald Lane. Lucy Anderson, who lived in this house, had put together documents including many old Eliot family names. All of these documents will be placed in our collection. The home dated back to 1770.

Denny thanked Polly & Jack McDonough for the night's refreshments.

Denny then adjourned the business meeting and introduced program chairman, Carol Zamarchi.

Carol then introduced Joan Feldmeier of Eliot to present the evening's program. Joan has a Masters in Music and taught music in several states and in England. Music was very important to her whole family and many played instruments as well as singing. Joan also spent 23 years in the military. Joan played authentic songs done by her family members. She passed lyric sheets so we could listen to popular Civil War songs. She passed around pictures of her musical family members. She told how her Grandmother had gone west to Kansas in a covered wagon and lived with

her family of 6 in a “Dugout”. Joan said her mother was in Kansas during the Great Plains Dust Bowl in the 1930’s. Joan enjoyed sharing her family’s story and was happy to answer any questions.

Refreshments were then served by Polly & Jack.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary