

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Minutes of the meeting – May 1, 2017

This meeting was held at the Fogg Homestead and in conjunction with the Rangers chapter of the DAR and the William Fogg Library. Members of all 3 groups were on hand to hear Pamela Wallis' presentation about the history of the community that lived on Mt. Agamenticus. A complete description of that presentation, well written by Rosanne Fisher, is included in the May 2017 newsletter. Following the presentation and refreshments, president Paul Johnson called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. There were 24 people in attendance for the presentation and then EHS members stayed for the business meeting. He thanked our hosts for making this meeting possible and Carolyn and Dick Bogh for the evening's refreshments.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the April meeting were read and accepted with 4 corrections to be made.

Treasurer's Report - Pam Ashley reported for the month ending April 30, 2017. The report was approved as read. The balances were: Savings Account - \$29,349.87, and Certificate of Deposit - \$10,893.17, for a Building Fund Total of \$40,243.94. Checking Account balance was \$7487.02. Expenditures were for rent, Lasagna Dinner expenses, office supplies, insurance, post office box, electricity, and a donation to Hospice in memory of Cyndi Sullivan. Income came from the Lasagna Dinner, new memberships, donations, the fudge fundraiser and bank interest.

Correspondence – We sent a get well card to Dick Bogh and thank you notes to the Hartfords for their donation. Get well cards will be sent to a couple of our members who are in the hospital.

Programs – The next meeting will be a presentation by James Staples and some of his siblings about the book "Mostly My Maine", the memoirs of their father Walter Staples who grew up in Maine and led a colorful life which he wrote about so well. Books will be available for purchase at that meeting. Since he used to work at the William Fogg Library, that meeting will be held at the Fogg Homestead. In July there is no meeting. In August is the annual cook-out.

Building Committee - Paul Johnson reported that the flagpole is up and the flag is flying and he asked for volunteers to clean up the grounds of the Grange the following Thursday.

Education - Jan Cerabona informed us that the Stories Project continues. The next activities include a visit and presentation of the gundalow, a brick-making discussion, and

then Laurie Downing will come work with students from Memorial Day through June 6th to complete the visual presentation for Wednesday, June 7th at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, June 12th in the evening at the Elementary School. There may be time beforehand to look at the results of the project.

Grants – We will not hear about the grant submission we made to the Building Communities organization until after mid-May.

Fundraisers – Cindy Lentz thanked all those who made the Lasagna Dinner such a success, raising more than \$500. She announced that the next event was the yard sale for June 3rd, and requested donations of baked goods and items for sale. Helpers were needed for set up, coverage during the sale, and then clean-up and removal of unsold items, which will be brought to Goodwill this year.

Publicity – Carolyn Bogh reported that she has been submitting information to the Sentinel but has been disappointed in the coverage lately. She hopes that will improve.

Old Business – Jan Cerabona said that the group visits to the Schoolhouse and the Grange Hall were well received and everyone enjoyed the presentations. We especially thanked Jan, Julie Johnson and Jeannette Paul for their help with this.

We also recognized and thanked Rosanne Fisher for the wonderful job she is doing with the monthly newsletters and reminders to the community about our events.

New Business – Paul Johnson reported on Green Acre Community Day in which we participated by having a table there. Organizations were invited to attend so Paul made up some flyers and put out items for sale. There was a free supper, entertainment, information, Eliot stories shared, and the setting is so delightful. This will be an annual event and Paul highly recommended it.

Zip Zamarchi has been working on a project to place a plaque at the site of the old town hall across the road from the elementary school. He is researching the history of the site before creating the plaque which would be informative and accurate. There was a plane crash in 1928 nearby and a steamship company rented the space one day per year.

Paul Johnson reported that a woman called who is home schooling her child and wanted to see the No. 8 Schoolhouse. He arranged for their visit on May 2nd at 1:00 p.m. and members were invited to come if they wished.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Goransson, Secretary