

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Minutes of the Meeting – Feb 7, 2022, via ZOOM

Paul kicked off the evening's meeting at 7pm welcoming attendees to our 2nd monthly ZOOM meeting.

The meeting started with the evenings program, with Rosanne Adams. Roseanne introduced Ann Shapleigh-Shisler. Ann shared a presentation with the group on the Eliot Elementary School's involvement with Wreaths Across America. The presentation given by Ann was wonderfully received by all. In her presentation, Ann shared the background on her classes first experience in taking part in the Wreaths Across America which had been taking place at the Kittery Trading Post. Accompanied by a song written by the school music teacher, the class sang and signed the song to all attendees. Through contacts between Ann and the organization, Eliot was selected as one of the stopping points of the parade of 18+ tractor trailer trucks scheduled for Dec. 2021. This was a huge event, coordinated with the Eliot Police and Fire Department, which included donations of 200+ meals for the attendees and many specters in town. The parade passed by both the Eliot Middle School and Elementary School. Ann shared wonderful pictures of the big event, videos on the background of the organization and the song the elementary students sang. Signed the pledge of allegiance. Following the program presentation, Paul commenced with the business portion of the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Tracey read the secretary's report dated Jan. 3. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Pam read the treasurer's report for the period of 1/1 thru 1/31. The Treasure's report was approved with no corrections.

Membership: Silvia – welcomed thanked all attendees joining us via zoom and shared her our hopes to be meeting soon again in person over the months ahead.

Programs: Jan and Rosanne confirmed that the program for next month would be a presentation on the old Eliot Town Hall dating around 1880. The presentations would include information on the local buildings in the area and their uses. Attendees were asked to share any additional information they may have on this history.

Collections: None

Building: Paul confirmed the receipt of two bids for repairing the School House Roof. One from Jay Carnes roofing and one from Tom Ashland Builders. The bids were shared with the Trustees. Based on the information provided, the Trustees selected Tom Ashline Builders. He was very efficient and timely, completing the roof replacement in just 2 days. The roof costs amount to \$5250 plus additional costs to have the lead lining replaced around the chimney with a grand total \$5708.

Old Business:

Paul provided an update on development of the cemetery website. He confirmed that the build out of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery had been completed and efforts are now focused on finalizing the build out of the Brook's Cemetery. This effort includes adding all the information gathered and document by Rosanne on all 170 cemeteries. Paul is working on gathering pictures for Mount Pleasant.

New Business:

Eric put forward that tomorrow (Feb. 8th) is the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Eliot Historical Society. Tracey put forward that this could be a good program topic in the future. In thinking about how to attract more members, Tracey recommended adding some structure on the website where "members only" would have access to certain benefits such as discounts to local museums, reciprocal access to other historical societies etc... Perhaps also include some offerings for purchase which has a logo for the society. The idea

had been put forward by Rosanne for including the students from the elementary school where they could come up with a logo idea for t-shirts or hats. These items could be offered through the website as well for purchase.

Eric brought forward the concern about possible members who may not be able to join our meetings due to access issues or don't know how to access via zoom and recommended that when we can all meet in person again, that we put in place a hybrid model that would continue to both in person and share the meeting via zoom for those who cannot attend.

No further topics were brought forward. Paul confirmed our next meeting would take place on March 7th – at 7pm via Zoom.

Attendees of the meeting were 13

-Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Graffam-Dickson

March 7th, 2022