

# ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2023

First Congregational Church of Eliot and via ZOOM.

PRESENT: 19 with 3 on ZOOM

President Tracey Graffam- Dixon opened the meeting at 7:05pm. Jan Cerabona and Helen Sullivan were thanked for providing the evening's refreshments. It was announced that we do need refreshment hosts for the June meeting.

## **Discussion/Announcements**

1. Tracey went over the results of our membership survey. A copy of the report will be sent out with the May newsletter. There were 3 top priorities expressed: making sure our records are properly maintained and we have the equipment (laptop, etc.) to help do this; maintenance of family cemeteries; providing the best ZOOM experience for our meetings.

Tracey reported that we did purchase a 360 camera and microphones for use at our meetings and was in use this evening.

2. Members were reminded that the newsletter and announcements are being sent out from a new communications program so they might need to check their "Spam" folder if they are not seeing it.

3. Reminder to put your signature on the sign in sheet at each meeting so we can track attendance

4. A plea was made for volunteers which are necessary to accomplish the things we want to do. If you see a place that you would be interested in helping please let one of the officers or committee members know.

5. We have the opportunity to purchase the book "Teddy Roosevelt, Millie, and the Elegant Ride," at a reduced cost, to sell at our meetings and # 8 Schoolhouse during the summer. It was suggested and AGREED to purchase 15 copies directly. Rosanne will contact Phil Morse who handles the sales.

6. Jan will be hosting students, from Eliot, at the #8 Schoolhouse on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (2 classes in the morning and 1 in the afternoon) and then the students from S. Berwick May 22-26 (a total of 5 classes). Paul Johnson showed us the new sign that he had made for the schoolhouse. Jan said that she would be there every Saturday, starting in May and will be looking for people to come help during the summer. Come by and take a look. A signup sheet was circulated. Jan asked for a volunteer to help with a spool knitting project – nailing the nails in the spools.

7. Reminder that June 7<sup>th</sup> we have been invited to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at the Elementary School for a cookout and Colonial games. They would like to know how many to plan for so let Jan know if you think you will be coming.

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### **Program**

Rosanne and Jan shared slides of the display just installed at the Great Works School in South Berwick on “Schools” and the “Eliot Stores” display at Eliot Elementary School. We then took a closer look at that display, going through slides of known stores from the 1800’s to present. Those attending added greatly to the information about these places and there was good discussion. The slide presentation will be put up on our website. May’s program will be “Do You Know As Much As A Second Grader?” Ann Shapleigh-Shisler will join us as we find out more about what the students at Eliot Elementary are learning about the history of Eliot. There will also be an activity.

- Next Month’s refreshment Volunteers: Margie Brown & Ruth Hirst

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne M. Adams