

**Minutes of the
Eliot Historical Society Meeting
McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church
June 10, 2024**

Vice- President Paul Johnson opened the meeting at 7PM.

Present were 11 and 3 on ZOOM

BUSINESS

1) Treasurer Report: Kathy Runey read the quarterly report, covering the period March 1st to May 31st. There was a motion, 2nd and vote to APPROVE the report. Members were reminded that the Directors and Offices receive monthly updates on the funds and then the quarterly report is brought to the body for approval.

2) Reports

a) Jan gave a report about the schoolhouse; the displays that she and Rosanne are working on for the fall; the cemeteries, that we are now relying upon people to set up their own times.

b) Tracey gave an update on the Memory Walk project that we are doing jointly with Eliot's Aging in Place Committee. Right now the engineer is designing the first of several phases, the first of which is to be at Murry Rowe Park.

c) Rosanne (ZOOM) gave an update on the snow roller and silent policemen projects, reporting that people are still being looked for to help with this.

3) New Business

a) Eliot Garden Club is planning a program with John Forte, who lives in Eliot and works at Strawberry Banke. His expertise is historical gardening. They are proposing a joint meeting with us for the 2nd Thursday in September, sometime between 3 and 6pm. They will cover most of his \$500 fee, asking that we cover \$200 of that. Those present AGREED that it would be a good program to join them in hosting.

b) Guest (ZOOM) Chuck Goehrig, who joined us from Orlando, FL talked with us about he and his wife, Alice's genealogies. (She is the one with ties to most of the founding families of Kittery/Eliot). Paul shared with him about the cemetery database that now exists and can be accessed directly or through the town website and their GPS database for properties. Chuck asked about an 1800's 4x6 book that he was able to look at, at the town hall, back when he was here in 2010. It contained, in chronological order, births, deaths, and marriages. He was hoping it could be digitized and made available more readily. No one knew of such a book and directed him back to the town office.

NEXT MEETING: August 12, 2024 at the Eliot Boat Basin, 5PM. Paul will have the grill going and people are welcome to bring something to share, if they wish.

Meeting closed at 9PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rosanne M. Adams, Secretary