

**Minutes of the  
Eliot Historical Society Meeting  
McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church  
September 9, 2024**

President, Tracey Graffam-Dixon opened the meeting at 7PM, welcoming those present. Julie Johnson and Tracey provided refreshments.

Present were 13, in person and 1 on ZOOM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Special Event on Thursday, 9/12 at the Congregational Church 4-5:30pm. Presentation by Mr. Forti on the long history of heirloom preservation, Garden Craft and Homestead Lifeways.

b) There will be a cemetery cleanup at the Moses Farmer cemetery on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

TREASURER REPORT was read and accepted.

SECRETARY REPORT past minutes of meetings were approved as published on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections : Irons donated by Ann Shisler

Building: Heatpump is working well on hot days

Fundraising – We are waiting on our turn from “The Fabulous Find”

Education – We have had \$600 in donations by visitors to the Schoolhouse this year. 14 members of a local book club met at the school. Discussion was held concerning the plans to get a chemical or incinerating toilet. It would be placed in what is now the closet. Plans to have a Halloween event at the schoolhouse on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 11-4.

Programs – Looking for programs for the fall.

Displays - The displays at EES and Great Works Schools focus on farms. Goransson, Raitt, Myer are featured in both displays with the addition of some farms in South Berwick, to the Great Works display, along with information on Town Pounds in both displays.

Tracey talked about the model of the Fire Pumper Truck that is now on display at the Library. The owner thought it might possibly been made by Moses Farmer, but with no known patents it was also thought it might have just been named after him. Jonathan Bradstreet offered to research the fire pumper to see if he can find its inventor.

There was a large crowd at the Boat Basin for our annual cookout. Lots of fun and food to share.

OLD BUSINESS

1) We are working on the Memory Walk project with the Aging in Place Committee. Tracey will work with the Town Manager and Town Planner; Rosanne is working on the updating of the Comprehensive Plan for the town.

2) Eliot Festival Day – in preparation Paul will update the EHS flyer and Kathy will get more printed and then see if we can't place them at other booths that day, as well as at the Schoolhouse.

NEXT MEETING October 14, 2024

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Meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Johnson, for the Secretary