

**Minutes of the
Eliot Historical Society Meeting
McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church
January 13, 2025**

Vice-President Paul Johnson opened the meeting at 6:40 PM, welcoming those present.

Present were 9 in person and 3 on ZOOM.

BUSINESS

1. Mark and Kathleen Spezia were welcomed as life-time members. They have been working to restore the Emery/Chandler cemetery near their home on Old Road.
2. The Refreshment sign-up sheet was again passed around.
3. We were reminded about the “Community Nights” in March and June at local restaurants. We will receive a percentage of the sales for those days/nights.
4. Sally Hartford shared that Lena Mueller, whose parents ran the Morin brickyard, will turn 100 this coming Sunday and there will be a party for her.
4. Our program, on the Raitt and Goransson farms, has to be rescheduled, due to illness. It was not clear when it will occur. Our February program on the Brickyards may have to be delayed as well. The short program for March’s Business Meeting will focus on what is happening with the projects at the Schoolhouse.

PROGRAM

Rosanne and Jan were able to fill in for the program and presented a series of slides showing all the many and diverse displays placed at the Elementary, Middle and Great Works schools and other places in town and at events. They began at the Elementary school in 2019 and have gradually added displays at the other two schools. Starting out with over 6 displays during the school year, they now have it down to 4 per school (except for the one done at the Middle School for their “Hike Through History”), with a few smaller, filler displays. The slides generated discussion among those present with many filling in bits of information and history about our town.

NEXT MEETING February 10, 2025. Program – to be announced

Refreshments were served by Julie Johnson.

Meeting closed at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosanne M. Adams - Fisher, Secretary