

**Minutes of the  
Eliot Historical Society Meeting  
McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church  
November 13, 2023**

Present were 18 and 7 on ZOOM

President Tracey Graffam-Dickson opened the meeting at 7PM and welcomed everyone and extended an invitation to those who are not members to come join our Society. Rosanne Adams was thanked for the newsletter...

**REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jan Cerabona reported that the Veteran display has gone up at Eliot Elementary School and she and Rosanne will be putting up one at Great Works School about the Fire Departments of Eliot and South Berwick, later this week. This November to mark Veteran's Day the children will be placing small flags around the flag pole at the Elementary School, with all grades participating. Rosanne made the suggestion which was adopted by the school and Jan has helped to facilitate that event.
- #8 Schoolhouse Report – Jan Cerabona reminded people that we do have books available for sale and people can contact her and she'll get them to you.

**PROGRAM:**

Our speaker was author Anne Gass who spoke about her books "Voting Down the Rose", the story of her great- grandmother, Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine's Fight for Woman Suffrage (2014), a book about her great-grandmother and her fight for women's rights as well as her book "We Demand, the Suffrage Road Trip" (2021) which tells the story of the journey of Swedish immigrants Ingeborg Kindstedt and Maria Kindberg, who, visiting in San Francisco in the summer of 1915, before making their way back to their home, on impulse, offer to bring with them suffragists heading to Washington, DC to demand voting rights for women from the Congress and President. "Along the way they encounter unexpected allies, as well as those opposed to women's growing independence. Using slides and illustrations Anne kept those present riveted as she told the very animated story of these three extraordinary women.

MEETING Concluded at 9pm.

NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2023. This will be our annual meeting where officers will be elected. It will be potluck desserts and for the program will be the annual "Show and Tell".

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosanne M. Adams, Secretary