Minutes of the

Eliot Historical Society Meeting

McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

President Paul Johnson opened the meeting at 6:30 PM,

Present: 13

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Julie Johnson was thanked for the refreshments
- The June minutes were not recorded, with the absence of the secretary.
- The passing of Carol Zamarchi was acknowledged

BUSINESS

- The Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Runey for the period June1 to August 26, 2026. VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT, AS READ.
- Discussed was the transfer of monies from Kennebunk Savings Bank to our Money Market account at Edward Jones. MOTION MADE, 2ND AND PASSED: To eventually move all monies in the Building Fund to the Money Market Account; to move $12000 into CDs; to move all remaining monies from the checking after all outstanding checks have cleared and arrangements are made with the town of Eliot for the needs of automatic transfers from the town.
- Kathy reminded those who use THRIVENT to make gifts to the Society that they need to request those monies in Thrivent, to be given to the Historical Society, by December.
- The events of the last 3 months were reviewed –
- the successful annual picnic at the Boat Basin.
- Jan Cerabona reported on the various programs and displays at the #8 Schoolhouse; the children especially enjoyed the crafts; the children at EES are enjoying the display on the Schoolhouse's 30th anniversary and the 3rd graders, when hearing about historical site walk down State Road, were very interested in taking the walk themselves. They are asking great questions and are very attentive as Jan talks about the display.
- Paul Johnson told about a car accident in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery that took down one stone and then the larger stone stopped the car cold. That large stone just happened to be that of Dr. John L.M. Willis, who founded our Historical Society!
- Paul Johnson invited members to come help on Eliot Festival Day. Stop by, help man the booth or just sit and chat. There will be a booth and the #8 Schoolhouse will be open. He said that we have been given a new place on the farthest edge of Hammond Park.

PROGRAM

Celebrating 30 Years – The # 8 Schoolhouse, 1996-2026 - Rosanne Adams though slides and videos presented how the Society acquired the building, the years of the restoration (1996-2006), the visits of the school children (2007 to present) and the various meetings, open houses and events that have been held at the schoolhouse since 2006. The transcript of the program will be placed in the files and be available as an attachment to these minutes. Following, refreshments were served.

The evening ended at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rosanne M. Adams, Secretary