

***MEET ME IN SUNCOOK!***  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**September 1, 2009**

Present: Noreen Bean, Gerald Belanger, Joyce Belanger, Norma Daviault, Ron Daviault, Jan Edmonds, James Garvin, Ingrid Lemaire (chair), Roger Menard, Larry Perron, Jan Shichkin, Shirley Sullivan. Also present was Bodie Morey of the Emerson Condominium Association.

1. Chair Ingrid Lemaire called the meeting to order at the old Suncook Fire and Police Station at 7:09 p.m.
2. Because Bodie Morey was present, she was invited to discuss the Emerson Condominiums before the commencement of the regular business meeting. Her discussion was in response to Item #7 in the minutes of the meeting of August 4, 2009, which outlines the proposal for *Meet Me in Suncook* to partner with the Condominium Association to permit the latter to qualify for a New Hampshire Preservation Alliance grant to study moisture conditions at the former mill. Ms. Morey related that she came to live at Emerson Condominiums in July 2007. She felt that the property was not adequately maintained; the property now has its third management company in a period of two years. As a new, provisional member of the condominium board, Ms. Morey heard from Shawmut Property Management (the current property managers) that the Association would need to borrow \$100,000 to deal with mold and moisture problems. She thereupon contacted the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for an opinion on the condition of the building. James Garvin of the Division prepared an initial report, and recommended that the Condominium Association pursue a small Preservation Alliance grant to obtain more a detailed evaluation and recommendations. Since the Association is a for-profit organization, it is ineligible for an NHPA grant in its own right. Ms. Morey reported that, in light of *Meet Me in Suncook's* willingness to partner, the Preservation Alliance has verbally committed to making the grant and will suggest appropriate consultants. In response to questions about liability, it was reaffirmed that *Meet Me in Suncook* will incur no financial or legal liability by lending its support to the grant application. Ingrid Lemaire briefly reviewed her own involvement with the Suncook Revitalization Committee in the rehabilitation of the mill under HUD funding during the 1980s. The committee thanked Ms. Morey for her explanation of the needs of the Condominium Association.
3. On a motion by Larry Perron, seconded by Roger Menard, the minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2009, were approved with the following clarification: the owner of the Lion d'Or (Town Line Printing) building is not actually a new owner, and the laundromat referred to is the laundromat on the opposite side of Main Street.
4. Noreen Bean delivered the treasurer's report, as follows:

*Balance on August 4, 2009:*

\$4,032.17

*Income:*

Associate Member Dues:	<u>40.00</u>
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<i>Total income:</i>	\$40.00
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*Expenses:*

Payment to Old Home Day Committee for space:	\$20.00
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Reimbursement to Shirley Sullivan for paint for float:	7.88
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Reimbursement to Ingrid Lemaire for supplies for art exhibit:	17.86
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L. A. Limousine for van and driver, Pembroke Bus Tour:	270.00
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Reimbursement to Jan Shichkin for name badges:	<u>6.49</u>
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<i>Total expenses:</i>	\$322.23
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<i>Balance on September 1, 2009:</i>	\$3,749.94
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Noreen noted that there will be some future reimbursement of expenses from the Pembroke Historical Society and Associated Grocers.

5. Ingrid reviewed the bus tours on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23. Over 120 people participated and we had to arrange for extra transportation when the backup bus drivers became unavailable. Ingrid has written notes of thanks to Jim Batchelder (Grange), Patty and Steve Fowler, and Ayn Whytemare. She extended thanks to Jim Garvin and Shirley Sullivan. The bus tour handouts will be available in the library, town hall, and Pembroke Historical Society. There was some comment about doing such tours in the future, but it was noted that the acoustics in a school bus make it difficult for people at the back of the bus to hear without amplification.
6. The Old Home Day float of *Meet Me in Suncook* and the Allenstown Historical Society won First Place Award and Marshal's Choice. Ingrid extended congratulations and thanks to Roger Menard and all who designed and decorated the float, and to Larry Perron for returning the tables to the old Fire and Police Station and the tent to the Vervilles. The tent and the art exhibit worked well despite the high humidity.
7. Under "Old Business," we need to select items that will be returned to the file cabinets in the vault and we need to decide what we need for vault shelving. Several committee members agreed to work on this project at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 7 (Labor Day).
8. Under "New Business," Ingrid noted that Claudette Verville mentioned that the photographs of the Allenstown Historical Society have had to be removed from the Suncook Bank building. The Society has an extensive photo collection,

which would make an attractive exhibit under secure conditions. It was suggested that *Meet Me in Suncook* might meet in the fall with the Allenstown and Pembroke Historical Societies to discuss possible exhibits. It would also be wise for *Meet Me in Suncook* to consider its future role and commitments and to review the progress it has made toward meeting the goals it set ten years ago.

9. The committee agreed to recognize the contributions of Tom Hebert with a gift worth \$25, and of Jeanette Gagne (who drove a tour van) with a gift worth \$20. Noreen Bean will inquire whether gift certificates are available at local plant suppliers or at Sunrise Grille on Main Street.
10. Joyce Belanger inquired about a former proposal to commemorate the site of the house or camp where Robert Frost spent his honeymoon. No one had any recollection of the status of this project. Ingrid offered to ask Regis Lemaire, who was deeply involved in the project. There was a discussion of the possibility of placing a cooperative state historical marker at the site if the facts can be verified.
11. The next regular business meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station. A schedule of all 2009 meetings is appended to these minutes.
12. On a motion by Roger Menard, seconded by Noreen Bean, the meeting unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Garvin, Recorder

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2009 MEETING DATES

January 6, 2009

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

June 2

July 7

August 4

September 1

October 6

November 3 (note that this is election day)

December 1

