

**MEET ME IN SUNCOOK
MEETING MINUTES
(ADOPTED)
July 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm.

1. Attendance: Noreen Bean, Gerry Belanger, Jo-Ann Belanger, Joyce Belanger, Don Bibeau, Melaine Boisvert, Joan Bussiere, Jocelyn Carlucci, Norma Daviault, Ron Daviault, Pat Fowler, Steve Fowler, Glorie Jacob, Louis Jacob, Isabelle Racine
2. Approval of Minutes: After changes made to Item Nos 3, 5, and 8. (Adding: (1) “post office box” to the June expenditure; (2) changing the o in Don to Dan; (3) update as to why the Verville’s are unable to help with this year’s Old Home Day float; and (4) change Memorial “Field” to Memorial “Park”).
3. Joan Bussiere moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Jo-Ann Belanger seconded and the motion passed. (Melaine Boisvert, Pat Fowler and Steve Fowler abstained as they were unable to attend the June 7th meeting.
4. Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report was read.

Gerry Belanger moved to approve the report, Steve Fowler seconded. The motion passed.

Melaine Boisvert made a motion to cut a check to Louis Jacob for his purchase of 64 puzzles picturing the Town Clock which will be sold as a fundraiser for Meet Me In Suncook. Joyce Belanger seconded and the motion passed.

5. Update of Town Clock Bid and Work:

Don Bibeau was pleased to announce and we were all privileged to hear our beloved Town Clock ring at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 pm during the meeting.

Don Bibeau, owner of the Town Clock building said that he was concerned about the past repairs performed by Mr. Doherty and the proposal associated with future work. It was suggested by Gerry Belanger that, as the owner of the building, he voice his concerns and back them up with photographs and a written list of what he feels needs to be done to take care of the existing problems and present it to the Town.

After a lengthy discussion, it was also suggested that Steve Fowler and Mr. Bibeau contact David Jodoin and request that the Building and Maintenance Committee tour the clock tower with Mr. Doherty in hopes of subsiding Mr. Bibeau’s concerns.

It was also pointed out that although MMIS is interested in the clock tower preservation, it has no decision-making capabilities or legal standing with regard to who works on the tower

and what type of work is performed. It was agreed that it is the Town's responsibility to preserve the clock as instructed by the Town's people at Town Meeting.

6. MMIS Email Address: meetmeinsuncooknh@gmail.com

Louis Jacob agreed to monitor the emails. He will get in touch with Dan Chase to get the password to gain access to the emails.

Jocelyn Carlucci will be adding the email address to the next newsletter as well as asking Linda Williams at Town Hall to add it to MMIS online information on the Town of Pembroke website.

7. Newsletter Update: Jocelyn Carlucci reported that the latest newsletter is coming along. With the recent death of Ingrid Lemaire, the front page of the newsletter is going to be dedicated to her. The second page is on History Day in Allenstown. The third page is an article about the Town Clock puzzle fundraiser that will be sold at Old Home Day.

There are many ideas for future newsletters, including an update on the Robert Frost Park as well as a listing of the many projects that MMIS has been involved in since the committee's existence.

Jocelyn Carlucci voiced her concern that in the printing and mailing of the upcoming newsletter that she did not want Mr. Rainville of Speedy Printing to feel obligated to print, fold, and send out the newsletters without payment from the committee. It was pointed out that Mr. Rainville contributes much to the Town by also supporting Pembroke & Allenstown Old Home Day, the Pembroke Grange, and other Town organizations.

Jo-Ann Belanger made a motion that MMIS authorize up to \$800.00 for the printing and mailing of the newsletter. Melaine Boisvert seconded the motion and it passed.

8. Puzzle Fundraiser:

Louis Jacob was able to provide the committee with a fully pieced-together puzzle as well as to explain how pleased he is with the company and personnel that he dealt with.

The committee seemed very pleased with the quality of the puzzles and Melaine Boisvert made a motion that the committee order another 64 puzzles. Don Bibeau seconded and the motion passed. Louis Jacob will place the order for 64 more puzzles.

Louis requested that the committee present Carole Lewis with a puzzle at no cost to her. A motion was made by Melaine Boisvert to present a puzzle to Carole Lewis. It was seconded by Ron Daviault. The motion passed.

It was agreed that all proceeds from the sale of the puzzles go to MMIS to continue the work that they do for the recognition of Suncook.

It was also agreed that Louis and Glorie Jacob keep the puzzles at their house. The puzzles can be purchased with cash or a check. If postage is necessary to mail a puzzle to a recipient, the postage cost will be determined and paid, in advance, by the purchaser at the time of mailing. MMIS will not be responsible for shipping damage.

9. New Business:

- a. Robert Frost Park: Joyce Belanger reported that a letter was sent to Ammy Heiser, Dave Jodoin, and VJ Ranfos explaining the invasion of bittersweet along the river bank which is hindering the river view from the Park bench.

Jocelyn Carlucci received a call from Ammy Heiser who spoke with Dave Jodoin. They determined that it would cost approximately \$500 to attempt to control the bittersweet which would need to be done twice a year.

Don Bibeau reported that he had been cutting the bittersweet and had it half completed. Jocelyn Carlucci asked him if he had trimmed any trees along the river and Mr. Bibeau said no. Ms. Carlucci will call the Conservation Committee to update them of Mr. Bibeau's work.

Joan Bussiere felt that Don Bibeau should hold off on further work along the river until the Conservation Committee is made aware of his efforts.

Gerry Belanger stated that the Conservation or the Town should budget for any future work pertaining to the Park.

A short discussion occurred about the MMIS granite bench sinking. Gerry Belanger will contact Perry Brothers about leveling the bench.

b. TD Bank Building:

Much discussion was held regarding the new owners and future business to be located in the former TD Bank building. Although an application has not been filed with the Pembroke Zoning Board to date, it was stressed that the most important thing that we, as concerned citizens, can do is to attend any meetings/hearings that are held and voice our concerns.

c. Secretary:

It was requested that because of Mr. Garvin's very busy schedule and as well as Jerry Vincent's busy schedule that someone might step up and be willing to take the position of Secretary/Assistant Secretary. Members were asked to consider this request.

d. Old Home Day.

MMIS will have a booth to sell minutes and puzzles at Old Home Day. Equipment needed will be an EZup tent, a table, and chairs. Set up is best done at 8:00 am. The booth area is open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Minutes will still be priced at \$10.00.

Melaine Boisvert has agreed to handle the booth, however, volunteers from the committee to work a shift or two during the day are needed.

In anticipation of a large number of sales at Old Home Day, it was suggested that well-marked bank pouches be on hand for any excess money to be brought to the Command Center for safe keeping. The money box at the table is NOT to be left unattended or out of sight. Too tempting.

10. Adjournment: Isabelle Racine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Fowler seconded and the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

9. Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted
Louis and Glorie Jacob