

MEET ME IN SUNCOOK
March 7, 2023
Adopted Minutes

1. Present: Gerry Belanger, Joyce Belanger, Don Bibeau, Katie Booker, Joan Bussiere, Kursten Butler, Jocelyn Carlucci, Ron Daviault, Anna Dubuque, Pat Fowler, Steve Fowler, Chris Glenn, Glorie Jacob, Louis Jacob, Bruce Kudrick, Paula Kudrick, Doris Rowden, John Seeman, Justin Tuminowski, Katie Tuminowski, Lynne Verville

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

2. Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2023 and February 7, 2023

Louis Jacob made a motion to accept the January 3, 2023 minutes. It was seconded by Pat Fowler. The motion passed.

Steve Fowler stated that the estimate from Steve Fifield regarding repairs to the clock tower building should have read approximately \$30,000 not \$25,000 to \$30,000 which was mistakenly put in the February minutes.

With no other changes the motion was made by Ron Daviault to accept the February 7, 2023 minutes. It was seconded by Joyce Belanger. The motion passed.

3. Paula (Annis) Kudrick - presentation

Paula Kudrick presented to the MMIS Committee a picture of her grandfather, Romeo Martel, who lived on Front Street for 50 plus years. He wound the Town Clock and was also a member of the Pembroke Fire Department. She shared how he would run from his house on Front Street to the Fire Station when the fire horn blew. He decided to retire from the PFD the day the horn blew, he ran to the Fire Station, but missed the truck. He was a meat cutter at one of the grocery stores on Main Street in Suncook. She stated one of the things he was most proud of was being the person to wind the clock.

Paula presented a copy of the pamphlet with regards to the presentation made to Suncook Mills by the federal government for all the work they had done during the war.

Jocelyn Carlucci explained that MMIS was able to obtain the E Flag from China Mill thanks to member Jan Shiskin. The flag is framed and has been donated to Pembroke Academy and hangs in the school's cafeteria.

The final item Paula donated was a scrapbook that her grandmother had done which includes newspaper clippings of men and women from Suncook who were in World War II.

We were very thankful as a committee for these donated items.

4. Treasurer's Report – Glorie Jacob

a. Motion to send check to town hall re: sale of clock minutes.

The Treasurer's report was given. 2023 dues are now being collected. It was noted that we have received a number of new and renewed memberships since the latest newsletter mailing.

We have also received multiple donations in memory of Larry Perron. A more detailed report on donations in his memory will be given at the April meeting.

It was reported that we are still awaiting payment for 8 puzzles from Little Vintage Venue, however Katie Booker presented us with a check at the meeting for the remaining 8 puzzles. It was also noted that a number of people have asked about purchasing the Town Clock puzzle. Jocelyn stated that we should get an idea of how many puzzles we would actually need because 64, which is the minimum number of puzzles that can be purchased at one time, is quite a few. Discussion will be held at a future meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Louis Jacob. It was seconded by Ron Daviault. The motion passed.

The Clock Minute sales from MMIS's table at last year's Old Home Day in August totaled \$180.00. It was explained by Jocelyn Carlucci that when MMIS began selling minutes many years ago, it was decided that money from the sale of the minutes would go directly to the Town Clock Fund.

We have given the Town Clock Fund over \$10,000.

Steve Fowler made a motion to send a check to the Town of Pembroke for \$180.00 that must be put in the Town Clock Fund line item. Paula Kudrick seconded. The motion passed.

5. Correspondence – Historical Society

Jocelyn Carlucci read two emails and a letter from Ayn Whytemare, President of the Pembroke Historical Society. The Pembroke Historical Society will be "ramping up consideration of displays at the museum" and was wondering if MMIS would like to take the lead on the Suncook display.

There was much discussion and many questions about conditions at the building, i.e. security and climate control as well as concern about what participation would be involved for our MMIS members.

Jocelyn did say that MMIS discussed, at one point, holding a museum-like event at the 4 Union Street building where the Pembroke Historical Society as well as the Allenstown Historical Society would be invited to display items, etc. based on a theme.

Louis Jacob stated that if MMIS did not have a display, Suncook Village will be eliminated. He stated that making copies of documents for display would be of no risk. We would keep the originals. He sees it as Pembroke Historical Society being somewhat generous offering MMIS a space in their museum.

He does not want to create an air of competition but rather one of cooperation.

Steve Fowler agreed that climate control is a concern however he stated that he thought that a display of Suncook, its housing, factories, people would also promote MMIS.

Chris Glenn agreed with Louis that we should keep it as an option as in the future.

Because of the lengthy discussion and concerns of the committee, Chris Glenn made a motion to table the idea of a display at the school house until we have answers to our questions from the Pembroke Historical Society. Katie Booker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. Robert Frost Park

a. Discuss Chris Girard proposal and where we go from here

Gerry Belanger gave a history of how the park came into being and how much money has been spent on the project so far.

Jocelyn Carlucci reported that she sent an email to Ammy Heiser, Chair of Pembroke Conservation Commission. The email included Chris Girard's proposal and the portion of the February 7, 2023 minutes that explained the work being proposed. It also asked if the Conservation Commission would consider funding the project.

To date, Jocelyn has not received an answer from Ammy.

Jocelyn proposed that MMIS fund a portion of the project if the Town or the Conservation Commission funded the balance.

Glorie Jacob made a motion to table the Robert Frost Park until the MMIS Committee hears from the Conservation Commission. Louis Jacob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Newsletter – Jocelyn Carlucci

a. Revised invoice

The latest newsletter is out. Pat Fowler volunteered to bring extra copies to the Pembroke and Allenstown Town's libraries and Town Halls.

Because of the revised mailing list, only 400 copies were ordered, therefore the cost of having the copies printed, folded, sent out, etc. was \$426.80, less than the previous amount approved.

8 MMIS Facebook Business Page – Chris Glenn

Chris Glenn presented the Committee with a Facebook shell page. Katie Booker stated how she had added every meeting through the end of 2023, excluding July 4th and the December meeting which is usually a Christmas party. If a meeting gets canceled, an announcement can immediately be posted.

Chris Glenn said to begin with, the MMIS FB page will be an events page. Justin Tuminowski stated that posts can be made prior and put on a calendar and they will come up automatically.

The FB subcommittee members are Chris Glenn, Katie Booker, John Seeman. Pat Fowler and Jocelyn Carlucci will oversee the content and make suggestions as to what is to be posted.

Don Bibeau made a motion to make the MMIS FB page live. Glorie Jacob seconded it. The motion passed.

9. Projects

a. Welcome Basket Committee

After some discussion, a motion was made by Pat Fowler to establish a Welcome Bags Committee. The motion was seconded by Don Bibeau. The motion passed.

Members of the committee are: Gerry Belanger, Paula Kudrick, Pat Fowler, Lynn Verville and Glorie Jacob

Members of this committee will decide who will gather the information, the size of the bags, and how the bags would be distributed.

Note: John Seeman said that he could craft an inexpensive coaster with the MMIS logo as well as a rubber stamp that we could use to put our logo on the bags.

b. Farmer's Market

Although The MMIS Committee likes the idea of a Farmer's Market we feel at this time to take that project on would be too big of a task.

John Seeman and Katie Booker will look into pursuing a Farmers Market for 2024. They will focus on getting the groundwork in place.

Katie Booker suggested having a late September Harvest Farmer's Market. A one day "kick off" to get a feel for holding such an event and to make people aware that we are going to be holding Farmer's Markets maybe once a month to begin with.

A motion was made by John Seeman to look into a holding a Farmer's Market in the future. Katie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

c. Banners (Welcome to Historic Suncook Village)

d. Bridge Banners to be replaced in spring

The above two items were tabled until the April 4th meeting.

10. Other Business

Town Clock

Steve Fowler reported that Tom Hebert is going to speak with David Jodoin to let him know what Steve Fifield had to report.

11. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

11. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paula Kudrick and seconded by Steve Fowler. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis and Glorie Jacob