

MEET ME IN SUNCOOK
March 5, 2024
Adopted

- 1. Present:** Jason Anderson, Katie Booker, Rick Booker, Dana Carlucci, Jocelyn Carlucci, Ron Daviault, Glorie Jacob, Bruce Kudrick, Paula Kudrick, Lisa Mills, Nicole Plouffe, Jerry Vincent

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2024

A few additions which had been phoned in by Pat Fowler were added to the minutes on page 2, fourth paragraph page 3, third paragraph and page 6, last sentence of Section 8.

Motion to accept the February 6 minutes was made by Ron Daviault and seconded by Paula Kudrick. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report – Glorie Jacob

Treasurer's report was read.

We have 64 paid members.

It was also mentioned that Susan Burt, treasurer of the Pembroke Historical Society (PHS) was going to look into the uncashed \$10.00 check that was sent to the PHS reimbursing them for the plaque in August of 2023.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jason Anderson and seconded by Ron Daviault. Motion passed.

4. Correspondence –

NH Preservation Alliance notice of Old House and Barn Expo, on March 16 and 17 at St. Anselm College in Goffstown.

5. Projects

a. Town Clock Puzzles, Note Cards and Minutes– Updates

26 Town Clock Puzzles are available to purchase

15 are at Little Vintage Venue. 11 at Jacob's

53 packages of note cards

15 are at Little Vintage Venue 38 at Jacob's

b. Welcome Bag Committee – Update

Paula Kudrick reported that Pat Fowler stopped by and left the January list that she received from Pembroke and Allenstown Assessor Offices. She has highlighted the ones she feels are not going to a corporation or somebody who has already lived in town. There are 9 or 10 residences from the two towns that should get a Welcome Bag.

The committee will now decide how the bags will be distributed.

Pat will pick up February's list as soon as it is available.

c. Main St. Banners and PFD

Banners have not been put up yet. The Pembroke Fire Department (PFD) has the banners. Jocelyn is hoping to be there so she can give them zip ties to be put through one of the grommets and connected to the pole just in case of a strong wind which could cause the banners to be lost in the river.

Paula Kudrick read the information that Pat Fowler received from Signarama. One 24 x 72 banner, 18 mil, grommets, pole pockets, unable to see through from one side to the other will cost \$350.00 (If more than one was purchased, there might be a price break.)

Jocelyn Carlucci explained that approximately 20 years ago, there were banners that MMIS, Economic Development and the Town had made. They said "Welcome to Historic Suncook Village" with the town clock on them. Eventually they deteriorated and were thrown away. When MMIS received banners from the State of NH, after they breached the dam under the Main Street Bridge, the committee thought that banners, along Main Street, made of a similar material, may hold up to the weather. The banners could, once again, say "Welcome to Historic Suncook Village".

The State banners are 72" long. The committee is considering a 3' x 5' or 3' x 3' that would be less expensive. The concern is that 72" banners might hit some of the cars parked on Main Street, therefore, having a shorter banner may work best. The Christmas wreaths were three feet wide. Jocelyn suggested that

perhaps a 3' x 4' piece of cardboard could be brought to a meeting so the committee could get an idea of the size considered for the Main Street banners. If the committee agrees on a size, then it could get a price for the number of banners needed.

Lisa Mills of Nicole's Greenhouse and Florist recommended NH Print & Mail. They had 12 banners made for the greenhouse and NH Print and Mail did an amazing job for a reasonable price. They are located 30 Terrill Park Drive, Concord, NH.

Jocelyn received an email from David Jodoin who reached out to David Stack, Pembroke's past Town Administrator, with regards to the banners. He asked where the banners had been purchased. David Stack said they had been purchased through a catalog that the Town received and but David Stack couldn't remember the name of the company. When asked if they had a PDF file of the Town seal, they do not but they did have a word document of the Town seal which they sent to Jocelyn.

Paula Kudrick said that the quote includes graphics and design.

d. Main St. Tree Trimming – Chris Girard - Update

Joyce Belanger will update the committee at the next meeting.

e. Adopt-A-Spot – Katie Booker – Update

Katie spoke with David Jodoin about the project. He said anything to make the town look beautiful, he is all for.

Pat and Steve spoke with VJ Ranfos of the Pembroke Public Works Department. VJ is fine with having some granite around the base of the Main Street trees (similar to the ones in front of Jacque's Pastry). He said come winter time his department would work around it and that it was not an issue. His concern was that as long as PW did not have to take care of the spots. Pat and Steve told him that this project is something MMIS is taking on and will be overseeing these spots.

Katie spoke with Lisa Mills of Nicole's Greenhouse and Florist, who was in attendance at the meeting. Lisa wants to adopt a spot. She graciously said that anyone wishing to purchase flowers from her business for their "spot" would receive a discount.

Katie has also called LaValley Farm regarding either donating flowers or giving a discount to those who purchase from them for their "spot".

Katie called Dirt Doctors. They will donate up to two yards of loam. Rick explained that two yards is enough to do all the spots. As far as location for loam to be dropped off, the Bookers have volunteered their yard as they live in close proximity to Main Street. Dirt Doctors is hoping to have a sign somewhere that will mention that they donated the loam. April will probably be when we want to get the loam.

When Katie spoke with Paula Despres she was delighted that this "spot" program was beginning. She told Katie that she would get back to her as far as who they got their granite from. She told Katie not to plant perennials as she has had no success with them.

Paula Despres preps her spots mid-March to mid-April. She said there are flowers that can be planted before Memorial Day. She usually tries to plant those just to give color, like pansies.

The bulk of her planting is done Memorial Day weekend. She said prepping the spots early helps with good growth.

A basic outline of the plan is:

Granite

Fill with soil

Contact "spot" adopters

The "spot" adopters will choose flowers based on list of flowers that are acceptable. They can plant what they want from the list.

They take care of it for the season and at some point, the “spots” are cleaned out (flowers, etc.) for winter and the process starts all over in the Spring of 2025. (Not including granite or loam which should be fine for another planting season.) Water is to be provided by the adopter.

Lisa Mills suggested that we could keep the spots going through Christmas, once there is a frost, flowers are out, however fall theme with gourds and pumpkins and then mid-November redo with Christmas wreaths and berries and those will last for quite a while especially on the shady side of the street.

It was decided however that for our first year of this program, just flowers. If later in season a survey of adopters agree 100% that they would continue, then the fall and Christmas could be added.

That decision needs to be made at that time by the Adopt-a-Spot Committee.

Paula Kudrick was concerned that if we have snow, would adopters clean snow out of their spots? The committee will have to decide when to stop allowing people to decorate their areas.

There are five spots presently available, as Paula Despres has two, Lisa Mills, one.

Businesses will be asked first. Then something will be posted on line, maybe a simple flyer and on our MMIS Facebook page after Katie runs it past Jocelyn for approval.

Spots are available on a first come first serve basis.

When asked about granite, Rick explained that since they just got the okay from VJ today they haven't looked into it yet. They wanted approval first.

If granite isn't a go for this year, Katie will look into uniform inexpensive fencing to use.

The signage that Katie had looked into originally was priced at about ten to twenty dollars per sign.

Katie will work on the forms which will have the rules and requirements on them. Lisa will help develop a list of acceptable flowers for both shady and sunny spots.

The “spot” committee will report back at the April meeting.

5. E-Flag Research – Katie Booker – Update

Katie Booker reported that the E-flag on the wall in the Pembroke Academy cafeteria was behind a cabinet. The plaque beside it indicates that the flag was donated to PA by MMIS. Jan Shiskin who originally acquired the E-flag wanted it to go to PA because PA students are from Pembroke and Allenstown. She was hoping that the history teachers would teach the students about the E-flag and learn to appreciate their local history.

Bruce Kudrick offered to go to PA and speak to the Principal and possibly ask for the E-flag to be returned to MMIS if it is not appreciated so MMIS could find a way to teach residents about this significant honor given to the Suncook Mills. Paula suggested he take a copy of the booklet that shows why it is historically significant.

Glorie Jacob stated that it would be a nice addition at the Fourth Grade History Day that the Allenstown Historical Society presents each spring.

When donated to PA, the history teachers at the time, was going to include it in their curriculum.

7. By-laws – Set a Date to Review

Jocelyn will get a date to meet with the subcommittee.

8. Other Business – Meeting with Dean Edmonds

Jocelyn received a phone call from Dean Edmonds. He was owner of Dean’s Barbershop from 1964 to 2012 (48 years). Jocelyn asked if he had a picture of himself. Her intention was to add photos of people who ran businesses along the Main Street in an album that will be placed in the vault. Dean obliged with two great photos.

Dean's stated that he was also concerned about the smaller of the two cannons at Pembroke Park. A number of years ago, he copied information off the small cannon and, after some research, wrote a letter to Michael Vice, Curator for the National Parks and Visitor Center in Gettysburg, PA and also sent him pictures of the cannon and the markings. Dean gave MMIS an article which describes the different cannons and other artillery made by Dolgren. There were only 23 of the 12-pounders (the weight of the projectile fired from the tube) made. The cannon actually weighs 300 lbs. Pembroke's cannon is number 8. Dean remembered that Mr. Vice called him and had a long talk about the cannon. Mr. Vice said that the small cannon was extremely rare and valuable. He said that the museum has been looking for one for years. When Dean mentioned that the cannon was in a park, exposed to the weather, Mr. Vice highly recommended that it be covered.

Ron Daviault said that a number of years ago, Gerry Belanger was involved with talks about the cannon and the DAR. He suggested that we ask Gerry about it at the next meeting.

Lisa Mills wondered if there was a state historical museum that could be called to get ideas on how to preserve this rare cannon.

Jason Anderson suggested the Museum of Natural History in Concord.

It was also suggested to speak with Steve Fowler as he may have a connection with the DAR.

Note: Mr. Vice asked for first refusal if the Town ever wanted to get rid of the cannon.

Other Business - Wire to Hang the Wreaths

Jerry Vincent brought 10 gauge wire and an idea regarding hanging the wreaths. Jerry will speak with Gerry Belanger at a later date.

Other Business – Self Walking Tour Brochure

Katie asked about the self-walking tour brochure, not so much from the idea of MMIS setting up tours which is a lot of work, but having brochures available at the Town Hall,

(would replace any there with updated version), as well as maybe in town at Katie's shop, and even at 25 Canal Street. As the nicer weather is here and people are out walking, this would be a fun activity for families or individuals to learn about the town.

Katie also shared that someone had reached out to her on Facebook asking for help identifying a few pictures from town. The person who is related to George and Romeo Bellerose is now living in Alabama. It was agreed that the committee would look at the pictures after the meeting.

9. Next Meeting – Tuesday April 2, 2024

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Paula Kudrick. Seconded by Rick Booker. Motion passed

Respectively submitted,
Glorie Jacob