MEET ME IN SUNCOOK! Minutes of Meeting August 1, 2017

Present: Marie Ayles, Noreen Bean, Ron Daviault (co-chair), James Garvin, Larry Perron.

- 1. Co-chair Ron Daviault called the meeting to order at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. On a motion by Marie Ayles, seconded by Noreen Bean, the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2017, were unanimously approved as submitted. The meeting scheduled for July 4, 2017, was canceled because of the holiday.
- 3. Noreen Bean gave the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Checkbook balance reported on June 6, 2017: Corrected due to omission of additional member dues:	\$6,739.52 \$6,784.52
Income: None	0.00
Expenses: Donation to Old Home Day Committee: Bank charge for paper report for June 2017:	\$275.00 \$2.00
Checkbook balance on August 1, 2017:	\$6,507.52

Noreen noted that despite our having received a verbal waiver of the \$2.00/month bank fee for paper financial reports, the bank again charged us \$2.00 at the end of June. She has brought this to the attention of Ron Lafond, who previously authorized the waiver of a monthly fee for paper reports for *Meet Me in Suncook*. Marie Ayles offered some suggestions on paperwork that may avoid this fee.

Noreen noted that former bank officers Roger Menard and Roger Laflamme had examined Noreen's accounts after the adjournment of the July meeting and found everything in order.

Noreen also reminded those who were present that it is time to pay annual dues. She believes that most members have already paid dues for 2017.

On a motion by Jim Garvin, seconded by Marie Ayles, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4. Larry Perron reminded the committee that the painting party for the Old Home Day float will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18 at the Vervilles' house in Allenstown. The assembly of the float will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, at Advanced

Excavating & Paving at 166 Granite Street in Allenstown. The theme of the Pembroke-Allenstown Old Home Day for 2017 will be "A Salute to the American Worker."

5. Noreen will serve as a greeter at Old Home Day from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ron Daviault will take over as greeter at 1:00 p.m. Other greeters are welcome.

New Business:

- 6. Larry Perron noted that there have been complaints that bittersweet vines and other invasive plants are obstructing the view of Suncook River from Robert Frost Park.
- 7. Jim Garvin reported that he has been attending as many of the meetings of the Suncook Village Commission as his schedule allows. The Commission was formed by the Allenstown board of selectmen on February 27, 2017, and ratified by the Pembroke board of selectmen. The Commission is an outgrowth of the PlanNH charrette that was held in Allenstown on September 30 and October 1, 2016. The purpose of the Commission is to study the future development of Suncook Village on both sides of the river, making recommendations for revised zoning or ordinances in both towns in order to eliminate conflicting regulations and the resulting difficulties for businesses to operate efficiently across the town borders. The effort is being assisted by Matt Monahan of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The focus of efforts will be on encouragement of economic development, housing, intermodal transportation (including trails), amenities, historic preservation, and environmental sustainability.

Jim Garvin has emphasized to the Commission that many of its goals are also the goals of the *Meet Me in Suncook* Committee. Jim has offered materials that *Meet Me in Suncook* has created over the years and has informed the Commission that large portions of Suncook Village in both Allenstown and Pembroke were determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places when the Main Street Bridge and the Double-Deck Bridge were replaced. *Meet Me in Suncook* sponsored the listing of the smaller business district on the Pembroke side of Suncook Village in the National Register in 2005.

- 8. Larry Perron inquired about the ongoing cleaning out of the Buck Street Schoolhouse behind the Pembroke Town Hall by members of the Pembroke Historical Society. He is concerned that the disposal of the Society's collections stored in the building may not be deliberate enough to prevent the loss of some valuable but unrecognized objects.
- 9. The next meeting of *Meet Me in Suncook* will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station.
- 10. On a motion by Jim Garvin, seconded by Marie Ayles, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, James Garvin, Secretary