

MEET ME IN SUNCOOK!**Minutes of Meeting****September 5, 2017**

Present: Marie Ayles, Noreen Bean, Melaine Boisvert (chair), Norma Daviault, Ron Daviault (co-chair), James Garvin, Louise Letendre, Larry Perron.

1. Chair Melaine Boisvert called the meeting to order at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station at 7:00 p.m.
2. On a motion by Ron Daviault, seconded by Larry Perron, the minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2017, were unanimously approved as submitted, with the suggestion that Roger Menard and Roger Laflamme be described as “former bank officers” in Item 3.
3. Noreen Bean gave the Treasurer’s Report, as follows:

Checkbook balance reported on August 1, 2017:	\$6,507.52
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Income: Member dues	45.00
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Expenses:

Bank charge for paper report for July 2017:	2.00
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Checkbook balance on September 5, 2017:	\$6,550.52
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Noreen noted that she is in the process of having the monthly bank fee for paper reports canceled. There may be a fee for August, but the bank statement has not yet been received. The August fee should be the last one.

Noreen believes that most members have already paid dues for 2017.

On a motion by Jim Garvin, seconded by Larry Perron, the treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

4. Melaine Boisvert announced that the Allenstown Historical Society/Meet Me in Suncook float had won the Marshal’s Choice award in the Allenstown-Pembroke Old Home Day parade. Melaine passed around the award plaque, and Ron Daviault passed around a gracious letter of thanks from Armand Verville, president of the Allenstown Historical Society, which included photographs of the painting and assembly of the float. This year’s float celebrated the theme of “A Salute to the American Worker” by portraying the Suncook mills and their war production effort in World War II, which won the mill the Army/Navy “E” Award for excellence. Roger Menard portrayed “Rosie the Riveter.”
5. Melaine Boisvert suggested that *Meet Me in Suncook* send a thank-you of \$50 to Armand and Claudette Verville as a token reimbursement for the materials they assembled for the

float. On a motion by Ron Daviault, seconded by Larry Perron, the committee voted unanimously in favor of the suggestion.

6. Eric Halverson has donated a framed aerial photograph of the former Plausawa Valley Country Club, now Pembroke Pines Country Club. The committee suggested that we offer the photograph as a three-month loan either to the Pembroke Town Hall or the Pembroke Town Library. Noreen Bean will write a letter of thanks to Mr. Halvorson.

Old Business:

7. The committee discussed complaints that bittersweet vines and other invasive plants are obstructing the view of Suncook River from Robert Frost Park. Ron Daviault talked with Nancy Despres who lives across Buck Street from the park and who showed Ron pictures of the park when it was first cleared, noting that this is the only vantage point that provides close access to the Suncook River. She has hired an arborist to clear vines from her own property. Marie Ayles quoted minutes from the fall of 2016 showing that the Pembroke Conservation Commission has given *Meet Me in Suncook* permission to cut invasive vines along the riverbank at the park. Jim Garvin will contact V. J. Ranfos of the Pembroke Public Works Department to see if an arborist hired to remove trees from the town cemeteries could be asked to clear the riverbank or at least provide a quote for the cost of clearing it.

New Business:

8. The committee agreed that *Meet Me in Suncook* is not prepared to participate in TD Bank's Affinity Program. That program provides grants to non-profit organizations when a number of bank depositors agree to have their accounts linked to the program. It is difficult to solicit such support, and the Allenstown Historical Society has already entered the Affinity Program by getting a considerable number of Suncook-area TD Bank accounts linked to the society.
9. Larry Perron announced that he had brought an album with photographs of the replacement of the Main Street and Double-Deck Bridges, which he will show and discuss after the meeting adjourns.
10. The next meeting of *Meet Me in Suncook* will be on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station.
11. On a motion by Jim Garvin, seconded by Ron Daviault, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Garvin, Secretary