

MEET ME IN SUNCOOK!**Minutes of Meeting****October 3, 2017**

Present: Marie Ayles, Joan Bailey, Noreen Bean, Joyce Belanger, Gerry Belanger, Joan Bussiere, James Garvin, Larry Perron, Matt Roan.

1. Secretary Jim Garvin called the meeting to order at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station at 7:00 p.m.
2. The minutes of the meeting of September 5, 2017, were unanimously approved as submitted.
3. Noreen Bean gave the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Checkbook balance reported on September 5, 2017:	\$6,548.52
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Income: Member dues	15.00
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Expenses:

Bank charge for paper report for September 2017:	2.00
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Reimbursement to Armand and Claudette Verville for float materials	50.00
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Checkbook balance on October 3, 2017:	\$6,511.52
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Noreen noted that she will receive our bank balances on-line in the future, so there will be no further charges for paper statements.

On a motion by Joan Bussiere, seconded by Joyce Belanger, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4. With respect to Item 7 on the minutes of September 5, 2017 (discussion of removing invasive plants growing along the shoreline of Robert Frost Park on Buck Street), Jim Garvin reported that Collins Tree Service has submitted a bid of \$1,200 to "clear brush, vines, and small trees at the site of the Robert Frost bench located on Buck Street" and to remove all debris from the site. Noreen Bean checked her records and found that Collins Tree Service had last removed the overgrown plants from the park in 2012 for a fee of \$1,300. Jim noted that Melaine Boisvert had expressed support for the Collins proposal, but that he would not ask for a vote on the matter in the absence of both co-chairs. He noted that Collins' possible work in Pembroke will depend on the available balance in the Cemetery Commission budget after Evergreen Cemetery surveying charges have been fully paid. The Cemetery Commission will employ Collins to cut dying maple trees at Old North Pembroke Cemetery if their budget allows.

Gerry Belanger observed that when Collins last cut the shoreline vegetation at Robert Frost Park, he had felt that Collins had not removed as much as expected. He suggested that if we contract with Collins again, their work should be supervised.

5. Gerry Belanger further noted that the grading adjacent to Buck Street at Robert Frost Park causes standing water to pool in the park adjacent to the road. He asked whether we could purchase gravel to fill the swale adjacent to the road, and re-seed the filled area. Jim Garvin noted that the Conservation Commission has administrative control of the park and that they should be consulted about filling the swale, as should the Public Works Department.
6. Regarding other projects that *Meet Me in Suncook* might encourage or sponsor, the committee noted our former efforts, in 2005 and later, with the Governor's Lilac Commission to encourage the planting of lilacs throughout Suncook Village, both on public sites such as the bridge approaches and on private property through some form of incentive.
7. Noreen Bean read a note from Claudette Verville, thanking *Meet Me in Suncook* for the \$50 reimbursement for materials that the Vervilles used in finishing the Old Home Day float.

New Business:

8. Joan Bailey observed that there have been many recent business changes on Main Street. Joan Bussiere remarked on how attractive the village now looks, and complimented Katie and Matt Roan for their beautiful landscaping of the Petit-Roan Funeral Home. Joan Bailey asked if it might be possible to encourage a newspaper reporter to do a story on the revitalization of Suncook Village over the past years.
9. In response to these remarks about village revitalization, Jim Garvin reminded the committee of the ongoing work of the Suncook Village Commission, which is a cooperative effort between Allenstown and Pembroke, growing out of the PlanNH charrette that was held in Allenstown in 2016. Garvin enumerated the purposes of the Suncook Village Commission and noted that the Commission's purposes reflect many of *Meet Me in Suncook's* goals. Garvin announced that he will not be able to attend the next meeting of the Suncook Village Commission on October 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station (Perry Eaton Building). He invited other members of *Meet Me in Suncook* to listen in if they wish.
10. The next meeting of *Meet Me in Suncook* will be on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station.
11. On a motion by Gerry Belanger, seconded by Marie Ayles, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Garvin, Secretary