

MEET ME IN SUNCOOK
January 3, 2023
Adopted Minutes

1. Present: Don Bibeau, Katie Booker, Kursten Butler, Jocelyn Carlucci, Ron Daviault, Pat Fowler, Steve Fowler, Glorie Jacob, Louis Jacob, Chet Martel, John Seeman

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

2. Approval of minutes: Louis Jacob moved that the November 1, 2022 minutes be approved as amended; Ron Daviault seconded and the motion passed.

3. Treasurer's report: Presented by Glorie Jacob. Chet Martel moved that the report be accepted, Steve Fowler seconded and the motion passed.

It was also mentioned that 2023 dues are now being accepted. Dues are \$15.00 per person.

4. Correspondence: Jocelyn Carlucci received an email from David Jodoin reporting that he decided to increase the Town contribution to the Town clock from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

Reminding the Committee that Mike Loso gave the committee permission to use 4 or 5 of his pen and ink drawings any way that MMIS want as a fund raiser, Jocelyn Carlucci had an example of one of Mike's drawings that he used for a Christmas card. Discussion then followed regarding the various ways the pen and ink drawings might be used, i.e., notecard, postcard, print, puzzle, wooden laser cut decoration. Katie Booker spoke of how people who come to her shop sometimes want just a souvenir of the town and how notecards can be used for that purpose. John Seeman said how he could make laser cut ornaments at a reasonable price. We must look into copyright status. Many suggestions were shared.

5. Update Christmas Party: 29 people attended the Christmas party at Veano's on December 6, 2022. It was noted that the staff at Veano's did an amazing job.

6. Update on Christmas Wreaths: Eight wreaths were originally purchased. It was then decided that it would be nice to have four more that could be placed on the bridge. Jocelyn Carlucci purchased four more wreaths which again, the Pembroke Fire Department also put up.

As this was the first year, we have learned that next year if we purchase wreaths, they will have to be attached a bit more securely so that the wind doesn't move them.

Wreaths should be taken down within the next week or so.

Jocelyn Carlucci was talking with Bob Fanny at the Pembroke Public Works Department and he asked if there were ever lights on the trees. He suggested that he would talk with Rick Young of Power Plus Electric to see if there is a way to get the electricity on the light poles. If that is a possibility, we could have lights on the trees and there would be no need for wreaths. The

Christmas tree in the park on the corner of Main Street and Broadway, which was decorated with lights in years past, was also mentioned.

The idea of Christmas banners was also brought up. Quality artificial wreaths were also mentioned.

7. Puzzles and Minutes Update: Melaine Boisvert is in charge of the minutes. None sold recently. All that have been sold have been paid for.

Katie Booker was thanked for selling puzzles at her shop (Little Vintage Venue). She gave us a check for \$50.00. We are still owed for 22 puzzles.

All the puzzles have sold. We are holding on to one just in case the person who purchased the empty box returned for a puzzle.

It was mentioned that at the next meeting we should discuss whether we would like to purchase 64 more puzzles.

8. Robert Frost Park: Update on bench and riverbank Chris Girard was unable to make it because of his work. He will be at our February meeting. Ammy Heiser of the Pembroke Conservation Committee is very interested in learning about invasive species and how to deal with them. She was invited to sit in on that meeting. Joyce and Gerry Belanger were instrumental in getting Chris Girard involved.

9. Update on Newsletter: The upcoming newsletter will include a two page article with pictures of the historic Lavallee's Store. It has been discussed in the past to list the accomplishments of MMIS Committee which would take up a full page. Jocelyn Carlucci would also like to include a picture of the wreaths, to thank the Pembroke Fire Department and write a little about Christmas in the Village. It was suggested that maybe listing a few of the committee's accomplishments in each newsletter might be a better way to present them.

Jocelyn Carlucci mentioned that Armand and Claudette Verville and the Allenstown Historical Society should be mentioned because of the history that is shared on the hayride. This article would be a way to show that it is a community event.

It was suggested to Jocelyn Carlucci that MMIS Committee submit a page with the mission statement and list of accomplishments to the Town Report. Town Report submissions should be submitted to Linda Williams at the Town Hall by January 18th.

Who should the newsletter be mailed to was also discussed. Originally, people were sent the newsletter if they signed up for tours, paid dues, etc. Do we continue to send to all these people who signed up years ago?

The question was raised by John Seeman regarding the cost of the newsletter. Is the newsletter considered advertising and if so, do we have an advertising budget?

The goal of the newsletter was discussed: Is it to let people know what is going on in Suncook? To get more people involved or to collect more money?

Future goals of MMIS were discussed such as, a farmer's market in Suncook. Don Bibeau mentioned an arch like they have at Rock Rimmon in Manchester.

Jocelyn Carlucci stated that the idea of a big goal is great, however, it's hard because the town may not want to commit to funding and maintaining a large goal such as an arch on Main Street.

Katie Booker brought up the fact that social media is also a good way to get the information out about MMIS.

Ron Daviault suggested that the Mission Statement be read, and that we focus on it. "The MMIS Committee was established as a non-profit organization 1998 for the purpose of fostering an appreciation for the history of Suncook and to encourage preservation of its architecture as well as to promote the growth and prosperity of the village."

John Seeman asked "What is the committee able to do to promote business in the downtown area?" Jocelyn Carlucci said she doesn't know what can be done.

Someone also mentioned that parking is a big issue in the village.

10. Monday, January 23, 2023 TD Building Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting at Pembroke Academy in the Auditorium at 7:00 pm

11. Update on Town Clock: Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Steve Fowler, Don Bibeau, Tom Hebert, Bob Fanny and Steve Fifield, who is a post and beam builder, came with one of his assistants to look at the town clock building. He did an assessment of what was there, took measurements, photographs, and checked timber conditions. He will work up a list of possible options and at some point provide some costs estimates which will depend on who does the work. Steve will be in contact with him.

Katie Booker mentioned about grants from Main Street America. Don Bibeau thought maybe he might be able to apply for the grants.

12. Discussions for future meetings (carried over to next meeting): Review of bylaws, discussion of a sign at the top of Broadway directing to historic downtown.

13. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

14 Adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Glorie Jacob seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Glorie & Louis Jacob