

MEET ME IN SUNCOOK!**Minutes of Meeting****November 1, 2016**

Present: Marie Ayles, Noreen Bean, Gerry Belanger, Joyce Belanger, Melaine Boisvert (co-chair), Joan Bussiere, Ron Daviault (co-chair), Norma Daviault, Bob Girard, Louise Letendre, Chester Martel, Roger Menard, Larry Perron.

1. Before the business meeting was called to order, we had guest members from Plymouth State University, accompanied by member Jo-Ann Bélanger, who teaches them in a French class. They asked us to introduce ourselves, and then went on to ask questions about what it was like growing up in Suncook. Also attending were guest members Bob Girard, Chester Martel, and Arthur Monty who may be interested in joining our committee. The session with the students was very interesting. Jo-Ann and the students did not stay for our business meeting. Bob Girard and Chester Martel stayed for the business meeting, as they may be interested in joining.
2. Co-chair Melaine Boisvert called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.
3. On a motion by Ron Daviault, seconded by Louise Letendre, the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2016 were unanimously approved with the following corrections: The last sentence in Item 4 should read, "The keys to the new lock are in the custody of Noreen Bean and Larry Perron. Larry agreed to be the key master at future *Meet Me in Suncook* meetings," and the last sentence in Item 12 should read, "Larry noted that Emerson Furniture Company took over the Dundee buildings until they were damaged by the flood. Emerson Furniture Company then moved their operation to the Webster Mill in Suncook Village."
4. Noreen Bean gave the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Checkbook balance on October 4, 2016:	\$5,689.50
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Income:	None
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Expenses:

Bank paper fees for August and September	4.00
Reimbursement to Larry Perron for purchasing padlock for the vault	10.00

Checkbook balance on November 1, 2016:	\$5,675.50
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On a motion by Marie Ayles, seconded by Ron Daviault, the treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

5. Noreen Bean reported on the vault contents. A box of miscellaneous items from Pembroke Town Hall has been placed in the vault.

6. On a motion by Marie Ayles, seconded by Joyce Belanger, the committee voted unanimously to suspend meetings in January, February, and March of 2017.

Old Business:

7. Jim Garvin was absent from this meeting, but on October 21 had forwarded an e-mail message of October 18 from Conservation Commission chair Ammy Heiser, who said, "The CC had their monthly meeting last night and we discussed your email regarding Robert Frost Park's obstructed river view due to the unruly bittersweet invasion. The CC unanimously voted to allow *Meet Me in Suncook* members to remove the vines. The CC is grateful for your Committee's ongoing care of the Park and appreciates your diligence in maintaining it as a park and a place where people can go and sit and enjoy the view. One of our CC members said he had gone there this summer with his grandson hoping to fish but couldn't get near to the river bank because of the overgrown bittersweet."

Melaine reported that she had mentioned this to her husband, Pembroke Public Works Director Jim Boisvert, hoping that the Public Works Department could help with the vegetation removal.

8. On November 1, Jim Garvin had reported by e-mail that "Regarding a request for the highway sign, I have learned that the contact person for signs is William Lambert of the Bureau of Traffic at DOT. According to DOT policy, Suncook Village is technically not eligible for a Historic District sign because it has not been 'defined by the municipality as a historic district,' even though it has met the second requirement of being 'composed of multiple sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.'"

Jim had suggested that we need to ask Bill Lambert whether the local "historic district" designation is strictly enforced by DOT, but that he had not yet had time to contact Mr. Lambert.

9. Melaine Boisvert reported that the Pembroke Public Works Department will ship the Robert Frost historical marker to Sewah Studios in Ohio for repainting after *Meet Me in Suncook* provides a check for \$300 to cover shipping charges. Noreen Bean will issue the check on November 2.
10. At the October meeting, Jo-Ann Bélanger had suggested that we might invite the Quebec delegate in Boston or the French Consul General to speak at an event. Jo-Ann suggested that if we want to pursue these ideas, she would be willing to investigate the details and report back to the committee at a future meeting. Joyce Belanger wondered whether the Whittemore Homestead on Pembroke Street might be made available for a fundraising event.

New Business:

11. The committee discussed the recent attempt at e-mail fraud, in which someone impersonated Melaine Boisvert and tried to convince Noreen Bean to issue a check from the *Meet Me in Suncook* checking account. Each set of minutes contains a current treasurer's report, so the culprit would have known how much money is in the *Meet Me in Suncook* checking account. Noreen suspected that something was wrong and challenged the sender of the fake message. The sender then vanished.

Jim Garvin had reported this to town administrator David Jodoin on October 14, noting that he often appends an updated *Meet Me in Suncook* mailing list, which includes e-mail addresses for those who have e-mail, to *Meet Me in Suncook* minutes. The minutes are eventually posted on the Town of Pembroke website where anyone can view them.

On a motion by Joan Bussiere, seconded by Roger Menard, the committee agreed unanimously that future *Meet Me in Suncook* minutes will not include a committee member mailing list.

12. Larry Perron mentioned that the *Meet Me in Suncook* bylaws require that we have an audit by a Certified Public Accountant approved by the officers every two years, or at a time that a new treasurer is elected. The bylaws also say that "a summary of this report shall be presented for approval of the membership at the annual meeting of the Organization." Melaine raised the question of whether Roger Menard could perform the required audit.
13. The next meeting of *Meet Me in Suncook* will be the annual Christmas meeting. It will be held at Mei's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. On a motion by Joyce Belanger, seconded by Joan Bussiere, the committee unanimously agreed to this plan and voted to authorize treasurer Noreen Bean to pay a deposit of \$50.

On a motion by Roger Menard, seconded by Noreen Bean, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Noreen Bean, Acting Secretary