



Dresden Historical Society P. O. Box 201 Dresden, Maine 04342
Minutes for September 11, 2017

Present – John Ottum (President), Joe Wiley (Vice President), Eleanor Everson, Carole Sargent (Director), Tina Ware, Priscilla Allen, Ryan Laroche, David Brown & Shari Lilly (Secretary).

The meeting was opened at 6:37 p.m.

Secretary's Report was previously sent via mail/email. John made a motion to accept the report as written; Eleanor seconded. So approved by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report – As Jamie was unavailable to attend this meeting, Joe made a motion to table this report. All members were in agreement.

Old Business – a.) Buildings – The roof is done...! Ed Soucie did a really nice job on it. The deck was taken off for some minor changes. It has been given a tilt so water will run off. The outside of the cellar window underneath is now sealed up, but the inside hasn't been done yet. Joe said he still has a few things to do. His ladder wasn't tall enough, so he wasn't able to put the cap on yet. He will let Ed do that. Eleanor asked Joe if he picked up all the garbage bags. Joe said he did one bag that had shingles/nails in it, but Ed did all the rest of that. Mr. Amirault has been doing the mowing. Joe mowed once just before we opened.

b.) Joe has been working with Scott Silverman in regard to getting our 'border' stone back. Eleanor mentioned that if we have to, she has a large stone that can be put for the marker.

c.) Carole mentioned that the 'rickety' small table just inside the museum hasn't been done yet. Joe said he will get that done as soon as he can.

d.) Joe put the old handicap ramp out. It only needed to be shimmed. He wants to put it away when we close up and then we can use it again next year as it is well made and fits good.

e.) We need to get the furnace serviced.

New Business – a.) Carole would like to have speakers on various historical subjects. Perhaps one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Previously we had speakers on alternating months....one month business meeting, next month for a Speaker. During the winter, we usually meet at Bridge Academy so we set our meetings for the third Sunday of the month. This seemed to work well especially when we had a speaker. We will need to set the dates and see who we can get. Eleanor said we should check with LCHS to see who they would be having for speakers. Priscilla suggested having the Indian representative as a speaker after one of our suppers. Joe suggested having him speak after our annual meeting in November.

b.) Joe wants to put an article in the town warrant to request a donation from the townspeople as our maintenance funds are getting rather low. He suggested starting at \$2000.00. Then if the voters want to drop the amount, we would still probably end up with

sufficient amount. Eleanor reminded everyone that these were town buildings at one time. Ryan asked if other Historical Societies do similar things, but we're not sure. Eleanor also said that the town had money in the 'Old Cemetery Account'. Dave Probert, when he was a Selectman, had them use money from that to clear trees at Pownalborough Courthouse.

c.) **MOCA** – will have a meeting on September 30 in Thomaston. Joe will go. He said if anyone else wants to carpool, let him know. The cost is \$3.00 entrance fee and \$7.00 for lunch. Among the topics will be black marble and others will be discussed.

d.) **Annual** business meeting will be held in November, so we need to have a nominating committee in place. Due to a holiday on our regular meeting date in November, Shari made a motion to change it to Saturday, November 18; John seconded; so voted by show of hands. Members of the Nominating Committee are – Carole, Joe, Eleanor and Ryan. Nomination names will need to be ready by the meeting on October 09.

e.) At one time, we had talked about replacing the sign out front, but Julie thinks it can be repaired. Joe has talked to Kevin McKeen about doing a rehab on it as he had done the sign originally and would do it for nothing.

f.) John asked Joe if Kevin said anything about the diorama. Joe said he forgot to check. Eleanor said Mrs. Champlain isn't the executor of her husband's estate, so she doesn't think she can get the pictures that she had mentioned at the last meeting. We'll try to get with Kevin to lift the plexiglass so we can do the pictures on that. John said Karen would take some pictures too.

Other Business – a.) **Suppers** – We will try to do the suppers again. In the past we've had the Chili/Chowder in January, the Soup/Stew in February and Casseroles in March. Or do them every other month. Due to competing with area towns, we felt it was best to have ours on the first Saturday of the month. We will discuss this more at our October meeting.

b.) Museum season closing – Carole asked for a specific date to close the Museum. Eleanor said it used to go till after the Harvest Supper, but now it shouldn't matter. John motioned to close it at the end of September; Eleanor seconded. The motion carried by a show of hands.

David Brown has brought some historical articles to donate to the Museum. One is an Ice Saw & the other is a long-handled hook that was used to move the ice blocks. These items are such a significant part of our history in regard to the ice houses and the business done along the river in Dresden. We greatly appreciate his generous donation. John made a motion to accept the articles; Shari seconded. The motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

John motioned to adjourn, Priscilla seconded. So voted at 7:27 p.m. By show of hands.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lilly (Secretary)

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 09, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE YELLOW SCHOOLHOUSE.

Memberships are being taken at anytime. The cost is only \$5.00 per person a year. Anyone interested in helping on a committee(s), please let us know. Any and all help is greatly

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