Dresden Historical Society P. O. Box 201 Dresden, Maine 04342 Minutes for Annual Pot-luck supper / business meeting November 21, 2015

The annual business meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. after a wonderful meal and conversations was had by all those present. It was decided to forego the reading of the secretary's and the treasurer's reports so we went right on to the election of officers. The following is a list of nominations as presented by the Committee Chairwoman, Amanda Silverman:

Co-Presidents - John Ottum & Joe Wiley Vice President - Amanda Silverman Secretary - Shari Lilly Treasurer - Jamie Rea

Although asked, there were no nominations made from the floor. A motion was made to accept the nominations as slated. Julie R. made a second to the motion which then carried by majority vote.

As discussed previously, the DHS members will no longer host the harvest supper. As it has been a big event in town, we have put feelers out to other organizations and town groups to suggest this would be a good fund raiser for them and also keep the event going into the future as so many people have really enjoyed it. We have offered to provide information on the process and some have said they would also try to help. We will have our other events such as the chili/chowder, soup/stew and ice cream social. These have been popular and we can make some pretty good money with less work and time.

In deciding if we want to have our winter meetings at the Yellow Schoolhouse or at Bridge Academy, it was felt that even though the price of fuel is reasonable, it would be better to see if we can use the library since it is already heated. This way we can drain the water at the school and not have to worry about anything freezing up and would not have to plow a big area for parking; only in case of an emergency. So it was voted to have our meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in B.A. We will have regular business meetings every other month and in the off month, we can plan to have various presentations.

With no further issues to be discussed, the business meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

At this time, we enjoyed a very informative presentation by Les Fossell in regard to his renovation of the former Hathorne House at the corner of Main and Front Streets in Richmond. He passed out pamphlets that gave much info and history on the building and then went on to explain his goal for the building and the area just around it. Plans are to have some office space, business space and apartments that will hopefully bring more people and jobs to the area as well as bring prosperity to the building and the town. It was an interesting presentation and Mr. Fossell was really great.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Lilly (Secretary)

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JAN, 10, 2016 AT 2:00 P.M. IN BRIDGE ACADEMY LOCATED AT 44 MIDDLE ROAD. For more info, contact John Ottum at 737-8614.