

Dresden Historical Society P. O. Box 201 Dresden, Maine 04342
Minutes for April 09, 2017

Present – John Ottum (President), Joe Wiley (Vice President), Eleanor Everson, Priscilla Allen, Jamie Rea (Treasurer), Julie Rea (Director) & Shari Lilly (Secretary).
Joe opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report was mailed/emailed to all members. Jamie motioned to accept; John seconded. Motion carried by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report – Jamie said he has finally been able to access the account online. All balances are correct with the bank. He did pay the annual insurance fee of \$1,141.00. With two (2) memberships and the \$147.00 from the Soup/Stew supper, we have \$ 795.91 in checking, \$ 8,453.60 in savings and \$ 292.50 in petty cash.

John mentioned that the supper didn't do as well as hoped and feels it could be that we didn't do enough advertising. Shari couldn't put it on the sign outside of the Hall as there was too much snow and with John having a health problem, she only got posters up around town in Dresden and a few in Richmond, plus one at Goggins'.

Joe has been in touch with Arthur Speis and they have set Sunday, May 07 for the tour of the Dresden Falls Archeological dig. We will meet at 2 p.m. Mr. Speis has suggested no more than twenty (20) people, so we will give first refusal to our members and then put word out if we don't get many that want to attend. Have May 01 as the RSVP date. There will NOT be a rain date. Joe will contact Ed Freedman and John will tell Bill Pelkey of the Abanaki Tribe. We can set up chairs for the presentation after the tour.

Jamie said the hole in the roof of the yellow schoolhouse has been repaired. Next the window under the front steps will be closed in. The water has been turned on. So far, we don't have a quote on the repairs. Looking at the Brick School this past week, it was said we could probably do a repair on the front door when the ground dries out and the weather is warmer. The lock seems to be okay, but we may need to fix the hasp. The humidifier apparently, unknowingly, has been on, but it seems to be working fine. Jamie said he hasn't noticed any change in the light bill, etc.

Joe noticed some animal tracks coming from a crack in the building when he plowed. He will put something in the crack to stop it.

Eleanor moved to accept the reports as presented. Julie seconded. So approved by show of hands. She would also like to see our events posted on the sign. Shari will try to do that if at all possible. Will have to make check with the Fire Association to make sure it is available.

Casserole Supper – Due to various reasons, holidays and other surrounding events,

it was suggested to have our next supper on the first Saturday in June which would be June 03 to see if that would be a better day of the month for people to get out and attend. With that we will keep the same time and prices. Although casseroles will be the main meal, we will also have a salad, desserts and refreshments. We'll need to check on plates, napkins, table covers, etc. John will get salad stuff and soda. Shari will bring some spoons. Eleanor doesn't mind the plastic spoons, but would like some that are not as small as what we've had lately. Also, we can post it as an all-you-can-eat buffet. Priscilla suggested having a couple of people tend the tables with coffee, etc or if anyone would like us to get food for them. Members feel this would be a good idea. Shari said a lot of people do prefer the sit down type of meal.

Julie said we still need to replace the boards and the shingles on the roof of the Yellow Schoolhouse. Ed has left his ladders on there for when he gets back to it.

Eleanor and Carole have been working on items to use for a display about South Dresden. Carole has been going through a lot of information, but Eleanor said they really need to be able to get into the Brick School Museum.

Eleanor suggested putting a picture from one of the Revolutionary Graves in the May Communicator. (It would be from one of the 22 unincorporated cemeteries.) Whereas Memorial Day is coming up in May, this would be a great idea. Jamie will forward the digital picture to Terri Parker so she can forward it with information to Henry Lyons who sets up the Communicator.

Eleanor asked if \$9,000.00 will be enough to do the work on the roof. Julie & Joe said that for the work that needs to be done, that should be plenty. John thinks it may be less since it's only 1/2 of the roof.

Shari motioned to adjourn, Jamie seconded. So voted at 2:55 p.m. By show of hands.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lilly (Secretary)

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 08, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE YELLOW SCHOOLHOUSE. WE WILL NOW BE BACK ON OUR SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE.

New members are always a welcome addition. Memberships are being taken at anytime. Anyone interested in helping on a committee(s), please let us know. Any and all help is

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