

Dresden Historical Society – P. O. Box 201 – Dresden, Maine 04342
Minutes from September 14, 2015

In attendance – Joe Wiley (Co-President), John Ottum (Co-President), Jamie Rea (Treasurer), Shari Lilly (Secretary), Julie Rea (Membership), Eleanor Everson, Carole Sargent, Dee Cummins, Clancy Cummins and Amanda Silverman.

Secretary Report – As we didn't have a quorum in August, the report was from July 13. Joe made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Jamie seconded. So voted by all.

Treasury Report – Jamie passed out copies. It included the membership money from August, the total from the ice cream social (\$60.00) and donation money that was at the Brick School Museum (\$50.00). He has gotten more today which will be on the next report. Joe made a motion to approve, Shari seconded. All voted in favor. Jamie did report that he was having some trouble accessing the account on the internet and said he may need to find out what the problem is if it continues. Eleanor asked about the CMP bill. Jamie said he had to pay for two (2) months, plus the amount was higher than usual. We did have an issue with a wire on the pole and a broken ground wire. CMP was notified and fixed the problems.

Old Business – a.) Furnace Oil – John has ordered it from Dale's Cash Fuel. The price of oil has dropped considerably this year so we can fill the tank.

b.) Calendar – This project has been put on hold for now. We weren't able to get our choice of photos ready in time for print.

c.) Harvest Supper – John said the Masons will have about eight (8) men to help us with this. Also, have gotten a few other volunteers, plus some girls from Hall Dale HS who will be getting credit for it. We will peel the vegetables here on Friday evening at 5 p.m. The school is all set. We need to make a list of the things we have and what we will need to get. John will cook 6 turkeys and make 5 gallons of gravy; Joe will get the stuff for coleslaw; Julia S. will cook 2 turkeys and she will help Julie R. make the stuffing; Shari will cook 2 turkeys; the rest will be done at the Elementary school kitchen. John will ask Dale to see if the person who made the rolls last year will be able to do them again. Val will call around for the desserts. Shari will get notices out in the papers and the Communicator; as well as on Facebook. She and Dale will be taking phone reservations. The prices will be \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for 5 – 17 years and free for children under 5. John would like to get the same help as last year for the kitchen as they really did such a good job. We will meet here on Monday, September 21st to get updates on our progress for the supper. John will ask Janet Stewart, owner of Meetinghouse Market, if we can get the cranberry sauce through her as she usually orders it for us. Also, he will pick up butter.

d.) Mowing - Joe has been mowing the lawn this summer.

e.) Dehumidifier – We were having a problem with it, but found out it had been moved just enough that it wasn't working. Have to put a note on it, that it CANNOT BE MOVED.

f.) Newsletter - Eleanor said that now would be a good time to put the newsletter out

Other Business - a.) Nominating Committee – We need one (1) member from the Board and two (2) At-large. Volunteers for this are Amanda Silverman (Director) and Delores & Clancy Cummins will be the two At-large. We will need to get things ready for the Pot-Luck Supper / Annual Meeting which is held in November. Nominations will need to be in by then. Also, they will be taken from those at the meeting.

b.) Dee asked if there was any new information about Dresden Falls; the 8000 year old Dresden Falls. Eleanor said she hasn't heard anything in some time now.

c.) Dee also mentioned the renovation of the Hawthorne House which is located at the corner of Front and Main Streets in Richmond. Members mentioned that it is being renovated by Les Fossell who does that type of work for a living and has for many years. Clancy said he heard it will be apartments and office / business spaces.

d.) Dee said that some of the rocks underneath the new bridge were found to be very, very old. She would like to get some for us. John said she should contact Reed & Reed.

e.) Amanda said Jim Leeman will be at Pownalborough Courthouse on Sunday, October 04, to speak on Charles Allen. She wasn't sure on the time.

Shari will send a card to Kevin Curtis who was kind enough to make some wonderful easels for us to put the large pictures of the bridge on so we could keep them standing.

NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY, OCT. 12, 6:30 P.M. AT THE YELLOW SCHOOLHOUSE

Shari Lilly - Secretary