
Sandown Historical Society and Museum Commemorating the Boston and Maine Railroad WN&P Division Sandown, New Hampshire



MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS: The Depot at 10:30 am - **TELECONFERENCING**
The Pasta Loft at 11:30 – 220 East Maine St., E. Hampstead NH

DATE: Saturday, February 1, 2020

VIA telephone conference call: Jon Wells, President; Ron Rand, Treasurer; Eric Emery, Curator; Joan Fox, Secretary; Steve Martel, member

Jon brought the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. via conference call with a quorum (Eric Emery, Joan Fox and Steve Martel called in)

Old business:

Amherst train show review

Jon said it went well. Six SHS members were present. Not a huge demand for books this year but Ron said that the SHS brought in \$918.00 at the show.

New business:

New member info will be sent to the Secretary by Ron – Martin Butler of Salem MA

Jon- 1. **Furnace update**

It is repaired, no bill yet. The furnace will stay “off” all the time except when needed.

2. **Bicentennial quilt possibility of transfer to the town hall for permanent display**

Eric will take a picture of the quilt for Jon to give to the town Selectmen. Jon said he believes the quilt is too important to be left in the depot and that the town might want to display it at Town Hall so that it can be viewed more often. Jon had talked to the town recently and advised that he would be sending them a photo of it so that they can decide if they want to display it.

Ron made the motion for transfer of the quilt to the Town Offices; Joan seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

3. Painting interior of the Depot

Eric needs two days to paint. He will have all the materials and will need Larry Cormier to turn the furnace on and then off when he is done. He will need to have the furnace on continuously during those two days. He will paint the men's waiting room then the bathroom. Jon and Ron had attended the Sandown BOS meeting in October and were told that whenever the SHS needed help with the painting or other maintenance, they would put the word out for volunteers to help out.

4. Allocation of funds for painting

A motion was made by Jon to allocate \$200.00 so that Eric can buy the paint/materials, Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried. Eric said that he might not need the entire amount.

5. Worcester model RR club train show Feb 23

Jon said that he may be able to go, but Bob Mitchell and Dan Patterson will be there. It is just a one-day show and is \$25.00, from 10-4 pm.

6. Mass Bay RRE Grant update

Jon asked the Secretary if she had heard yet from the Mass Bay RRE regarding the grant that the SHS had applied for but we have not. Mass Bay RRE originally were supposed to have announced the grant recipients at the Amherst Rail show but that did not happen. The Secretary will be watching the email for the announcement. As an adjunct to this, Jon reminded about the Amherst Railway grant application which needs to be submitted in May.

7. Member Request

A member had emailed us asking about more lead time for meeting dates. The Board will be setting up a two-months advance notification system going forward. The member also asked about the possibility of receiving a 12-month calendar showing future meeting dates. The Board will take that under advisement and will take up a discussion about both issues beginning with this meeting.

Jon suggested that at each meeting, two months' worth of meeting dates will be set and announced so that there will at least be that amount of lead time for notification. Jon asked that another meeting be held at the end of February to keep up with events. That meeting has been confirmed and will be on Feb 29th, 11:30 a.m. at the Saco Train Station conference room. March 21st will be the subsequent meeting, (location and time TBD) and then announced as soon as possible. Matt Cosgro has been notified so that he can post this info on the SHS website.

8. Treasurer's report

A check for \$918.00 from the Amherst RR show was deposited.

Expenditures: \$ 374.00 for T-shirts

21.00 for Jet-Blue raffle tickets

245.00 J Lamport Plumbing/Heating for depot winterization

49.35 reimbursed to Larry Cormier for his purchase of flanger materials

61.80 Staples purchases by Joan; one of the items, a cash box, will be

returned however, because the original SHS cash box was found

Total in account: \$1,788.24.

9. **Secretary's report**

Joan advised that the application was made and confirmation received for the Greenberg Train show in Wilmington MA, on March 28-29th. The cost is \$85.00, charged to the SHS card and will not appear on the card until 4 weeks before the show.

10. **There were no minutes to approve from past meetings.**

Jon then mentioned that we have a good team now but would like to expand the membership. He also asked for volunteers to start E-Bay sales again and asked that we start selling the raffle tickets to the public as much as we can. The raffle is the Jet Blue Give-Away drawing that will be held on September 13th at the Glory Days Festival in White River Junction. Eric offered to take some tickets to sell. Ron also mentioned that he has a \$100.00 check from Eric from the Sanford and Eastern Calendar sale proceeds that he will deposit. There is also a reimbursement check to Eric for materials. Jon then thanked Eric for his generous time and labor working for the Society. Eric mentioned that he would be happy to do a WN&P calendar for next year instead of the Sanford & Eastern calendar.

Motion to adjourn made by Ron, seconded by Joan. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Joni Fox
Secretary