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



## MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Saco ME Train Station Conference Room  
Saco Transportation Center

DATE: Saturday, February 29, 2020

TIME: 12:00 pm

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ATTENDEES: Jon Wells-President; Joan Fox- Secretary; Eric Emery- Curator; Billie Emery, Chris Lavallee, Ron Rand-Treasurer

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Jon called the meeting to order at 12:08. There were no phone participants today.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Chris had the idea of taking the Amtrak to either meet somewhere for the meeting or having the meeting on the train. March 21<sup>st</sup> is set right now, time and place to be announced. Then April 18<sup>th</sup> at the depot will be the next meeting, will be likely set for 11 am on that date. \* Also, we need to clean up the depot on the 18<sup>th</sup> before inspection. The inspection by the town will be sometime in May, no date yet. Doorways cannot be blocked and all regulations adhered to.

**Depot painting update:**

Eric said that the men's waiting area and bathroom are painted. Dispatcher telegraph room all sanded and waiting to be painted. Should only take about 2 hours to finish. We are under budget, have about \$20 left to spend. Chris Kianka of Whitcomb Painting lent him equipment so that saved money. Jon advised that we should give him a t-shirt and a one-year membership in the SHS.

Update on the water and furnace incident at the depot:

Eric explained that the furnace company installed a new circuit board but the furnace still did not work. He had gone back and found that the furnace room was flooded with water. He dried out the area and tried to get it back on but it would not engage. He then replaced the thermostat himself and it started working again. The plumber advised that a water pipe COULD be compromised.

Eric will give Ron the receipts from the plumber and locksmith, as all the locks have been changed.

Updates on prior railway shows:

The next show is the Greenberg show in Wilmington MA on March 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.

Update on the quilt:

Jon was advised that the town has graciously accepted the quilt from the SHS in order to display in the town office. They are giving the period hats back to the depot.

Ron say he needs a post office key. Larry Cormier is not currently available but Ron will go to the post office or meet up with Larry after another week or so.

New business:

1. Lease renewal for depot with Town of Sandown – The document was signed by Jon at this meeting and given to Eric Emery who will drop it off at the town office.
2. The application from the town of Sandown for the right to hold a raffle (the JetBlue raffle for the Glory Days festival in White River Jct VT on September 13<sup>th</sup>), was approved.
3. 2020 event ideas and scheduling

The depot's new season opening date should be May 16<sup>th</sup>. Jon will check to see if the backyard garden train group will be available. Eric will call Jay Gaddon who works for Franklin NH radio station to see if he can broadcast live from the depot. Billie suggested The Beacon for advertising. Jon will contact the Tribune and Union Leader.

4. Treasurer's report: Ron will send his report to the Secretary. He did get a statement from the bank and purchased Quick Books. He will have a standard report for the next meeting.
5. Secretary's report: None
6. Ron made motion to approve the minutes from the Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Eric seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.
7. Jon moved to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Fox  
Secretary  
Sandown Historical Society