

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS MEETING
Monday, July 12, 2010
Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Members present were Harold Van Doren, Betsy Doermann, Pat Cole, Dick Marks, Marie Hamly, John and Jean Stanbury, Billy Barter and librarian Brenda Clark. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 as circulated.**

Pat Cole reported no progress on obtaining an outside speaker for a community meeting this summer. Marie Hamly gave a brief summary of a request from Janet Barter, who visited last summer doing family research, to hold a two day session in September for anyone wishing to scan any historical documents in their possession to be added to our archives. Janet is an experienced computer scanner and wishes to donate the scanner to us and train anyone interested in the use of it. This is a generous offer and after due discussion it was agreed to welcome Janet to our society. Pat Cole expressed reservations about letting outsiders take over the task of creating a virtual collections website but the rest of the members were enthusiastic about this project. We are one of the few remaining island sites without a virtual archive website.

There was no new information about the disposition of the house Bill Stevens moved from Bill's Island to Isle au Haut. It was felt that our first focus should be on funding should such a building become available. Dick Marks left the meeting at 10:30.

Jean Stanbury asked the group to consider whether we are seeking just a secure storage site for our records or a location open to the public and staffed by volunteers. Brenda Clark added that if a building were available it would be wonderful for people doing family research. She offered to investigate any funding sources for such projects. Harold Van Doren was told there was simply no room in Revere Hall for such a presence. We need to decide what we wish to have eventually, but not overlook interim possibilities as they become known. Pat volunteered to talk with Bill Stevens about the Bill's Island house. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To invited Janet Barter and her companions to visit our collections in September and enable us in scanning to a virtual website.**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To invite Brenda Clark to membership in our society.** Upon further motion it was **VOTED: To set our annual dues of \$10 payable by September 1 each year.**

Pat returned to the plan for a community event and suggested it would be very interesting to residents if several of our long-time members such as Harold and Billy Barter and others would share their memories of former people and events on the island. This suggestion met with interest and a tentative date of August 7 at 7:30 was set. Harold will ask Paula Greatorex if the school projector could be borrowed for this event.

Pat went on to inform the group that on Sept. 9 & 10 a group from the Island Institute is coming out to Isle au Haut to visit one of the more remote islands for their meeting.

Returning to possible sites should a building become available, Harold will talk to James Bowditch again about some property he owns next to the parsonage. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 24 at 10:00 am in Revere Hall. There being no further business, either old or new, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To adjourn.** Adjourned accordingly at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie A. Hamly, Secretary