

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS MEETING
Saturday, July 24, 2010
Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Members present were Harold Van Doren, Pat Cole, Charlie Turner, Barbara Brown, Dick Marks, Bill Barter and Marie Hamly. Galen Davis Batt, Stew Foelix, Bill Stevens and Margaret Snell were also present. Harold introduced Margaret, our Island Institute Fellow, who informed the group that the State feels it is important for historical societies to be involved in comprehensive planning. Her mission is to guide the Isle au Haut planning group.

Pat Cole and Harold asked for volunteers to help plan our August 7 evening program. She hoped for a representative group of "old-timers" to reminisce about former days on the island. Harold felt there should be an introductory question time, such as Why do we study history in the first place? Pat urged the participants to use stories and anecdotes that were entertaining in nature, not too centered on events or people that only a few would relate to. Bill Stevens volunteered research he had on the power company's fortieth anniversary this year. Marie Hamly suggested that a skillful master of ceremonies would help keep the evening moving along. Harold said he would ask Ted Hoskins if he would take on this job.

Harold next announced that he had heard from Chuck Smythe of the National Park Service, who will be coming to the island Saturday, August 14 to update us on the NPS island history project.

Turning to the ongoing topic of the quest for a site for a building, various locations were discussed, including Teresa Cousins' land, plus several other possibilities that Bill Stevens had thought of. The requirements for a building site need to be carefully studied and accounted for before we go any further with planning. It is a huge undertaking and will occupy the group's energies for a long time. Pat Cole stated there was no way we could hope to go forward with any property acquisition without the Historical Collections gaining 501-3C status.

Dick Marks wondered why our pursuit of the tax-free status hadn't gone forward and was told there didn't seem to be a need for it after it was first proposed. Margaret Snell might be able to get some feedback from other island societies as well as the Island Institute staff that might help us complete the application process.

Harold then introduced Stew Foelix, Charlie Turner's son-in-law and summer resident, who gave us a brief description of the proposed website for our virtual collections record. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To allocate the sum of \$100 to maintain a virtual website for our Historical Collections.**

After agreeing that our system of voting in new members was rather archaic, it was decided to simply welcome all newcomers wishing to join. Charlie Turner asked to be reinstated, and Bill Stevens, Margaret Snell, Stew Foelix and Ann Davidson were welcomed into the group.

Harold showed us some DVD's that Steve Robbins had loaned him showing some local historical events. Bill Stevens said he had a collection of films on various types of older media that needed to be conformed to modern media.

Reminder: Our community event will be **August 7** at 7:30 pm. at Revere Memorial Hall to share various reminiscences of old island days.

Saturday, August 14 is our next meeting at 10:00 in Revere Memorial 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