

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS MEETING

Thursday, July 7, 2011

Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Harold Van Doren, Stew Foelix, Pat Cole, Ruth Van Doren, Dick Marks, Margaret Snell, Libby and Fred Eustis, Brenda Clark, Marshall Chapman and Marie Hamly. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To accept the minutes of September 11, 2010 as read.**

Harold reported contact with the National Park Service and receipt of a letter from Douglas Deur, principal investigator for the Isle au Haut project. Dr. Deur is hopeful the project will wind up with one more research visit by him in late summer, and a draft report being ready by late spring 2012. The area around Duck Harbor seems to be the focus of the project now.

We have received a donation of \$2000 from the town of Isle au Haut with no stipulations as to its use. Island teacher Paula Greatorex suggested organizing a timeline with materials scanned for the school children to use in their study of island history. She suggested categories divided between island schools, industry and church. Margaret Snell and Brenda Clark showed us a book the Swan's Island institute fellow made to get oral histories and begin reconstructing records lost in the fire two years ago. Maybe our upcoming institute fellow could be involved in organizing something of this nature for us. Libby Eustis volunteered to organize a scanning project started last fall of material in our archives. Offsite storage of records is an increasingly urgent consideration.

For our first summer event Libby Eustis volunteered to give a presentation on Ernest W. Bowditch planned for the evening of July 27 at 7:30 p.m. Other suggestions for future events were an evening spent with older resident Billy Barter reminiscing about the past; Fred Eustis agreed to contact Susanna French about the historical material Stanley French owns. In view of his declining health it is important that this material not be lost.

Stu Foelix reported no progress on our website, since we have not decided what it should contain. A name was suggested for it: IsleauHautHistory.org. He estimates maintenance should cost less than \$10/year, with initial design less than \$100. Brenda suggested that a brief history of island settlement would be a good introduction. Harold suggested we look at other island websites to see what they included and if any cross references were possible.

Dick Marks is going to try to arrange a meeting with Dr. Ellis in hopes of starting his oral history. Harold agreed to interview Dr. John Stanbury. Marshall Chapman will try to interview Charley Bowen, and Libby Eustis will arrange an interview with Ann Davidson. Pat Cole will pursue the purchase of a digital tape recorder to use in the project.

Pat will also ask her husband George Cole if he would give us a birds-eye summary of his experience in creating a federal non-profit status.

The next meeting is planned for Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, either old or new, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To adjourn.**

Adjourned accordingly at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie A. Hamly, Secretary