

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following were present: Marie Hamly, Harold Van Doren, Kris Lewis, Jeff Burke, Fred Eustis, Pat Cole, Evans Woollen, Tom Guglielmo, Brenda Clark, Kendra DeWitt, and Jean Stanbury. Jeff Burke passed out copies of his proposal for a joint project between the Lighthouse Committee and the Historical Society. The recent presentation on the history of the lighthouse would make a nice response to future donors for the rejuvenation of the lighthouse, and Jeff urged the historical society to get the recording transcribed. It was the sense of the meeting that we will support the efforts of the lighthouse committee.

Tom Guglielmo reported on his recent conversation with Amy Brown of Radio Station WERU in Blue Hill. She would like to record an evening of oral history on the island and would conduct a conference call to set this up. Pat Cole and others expressed reservations about broadcasting live oral histories on the air. Tom cited a program featuring Swan's Island as an example. Harold felt it would be best to have a future oral history program and then decide if we want to go ahead with the WERU project. Tom then gave his ideas on a letterhead design for the society and was asked to show us a rough draft of what he had in mind. Marie Hamly felt it should not be too fancy and show an address in case we use it for future fund raising mailings. Tom and Jeff Burke then left the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013 Annual Meeting.** Treasurer Brenda Clark presented the treasurer's report, showing a checking balance of \$4,411.41, Cash on hand of \$60.00 and an appropriation from the town of \$1,000.00 for a grand total of \$5,471.41 Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To accept the treasurer's report.** Concerning publication of our minutes for all residents it was decided to place them in a binder located in the library. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To place a copy of our meeting minutes in a binder in the library to be available to all.**

Harold then referred to a visit from an archeologist in September who will give a presentation to the island, but no definite date has been set. When this information becomes available we will sponsor it. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: to sponsor the upcoming visit by a park archeologist in September.** Evans Woollen then took the floor and presented his findings after making a tour of the town hall with Brenda Clark, Fred Eustis, John DeWitt and Harold. They looked at all unused spaces in the building to identify possible sites for additional library and society archives storage but the results were not promising. Evans proposed a possible solution of building a two story 20 X 20 addition to the rear of the current library. A rough estimate of the cost of such a project would be around one million dollars. Plans for the

existing building have to be located and if not found perhaps the original architectural firm of Peabody & Stearns might have them, since it was an important building for this distinguished firm. The library and historical society must first identify their space needs before any plans could be drawn. This is an important project that should tie in with the needs of the school and town. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To form a study committee to explore the expansion of library and archival storage space.** Fred Eustis reemphasized his conviction that the existing building was the best solution to expanding space.

Harold then read correspondence from Andrew Bowditch concerning the sale of Bowditch land on the shore just beyond the parsonage. It has been withdrawn from the market and a 6 acre parcel would be available to the town, church, store, community development corporation and historical society for \$300,000. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire one of the last tracts of undeveloped land located in town. The historical society has had several buildings offered to it but had no land to place them. The island store desperately needs space to relocate aging fuel tanks and a septic system. Fred Eustis commented that this looks like a town-wide project and John DeWitt agreed to head a committee, with Harold as contact person with Bowditches. We need to draft a letter of interest and Harold and Marie Hamly will work on this.

The board has nominated the following slate of officers for 2014-2015 and there being no further nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast one vote for:

President – Harold Van Doren

Vice President – Pat Cole

Secretary – Marie Hamly

Treasurer – Brenda Clark

Stew Foelix and Tom Guglielmo will remain as trustees.

There being no further business, either old or new, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To adjourn.** Adjourned accordingly at 11:15 a.m.

Marie Hamly, Secretary

NEXT MEETING JUNE 23, 2015.