

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Those present were Marie Hamly, Billy Barter, Dick Marks, Stew Foelix, Pat Cole and Harold Van Doren. After congratulating Marie Hamly, with invaluable help from George Cole, on the successful completion of our application for tax-exempt status, copies of a letter from the IRS confirming our 501C-3 tax-exempt status were circulated. Marie volunteered to continue filing the annual form 990-P to the IRS, ensuring our compliance. This was a huge achievement for the Society and should go far in future fund raising efforts.

Marie then read the minutes from our last meeting held on September 6, 2012 and there being no comments or corrections, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To accept the minutes of September 6, 2012 as read.**

Harold Van Doren reported receiving a draft copy of Dr. Douglas Deur's report written for the National Park Service about the history of the Duck Harbor community. Harold felt the document was very well done and when copies are received by the Ranger Station we should acquire one for our records. One item the report found concerned the parcel of private land owned by Robin Bowen in the midst of the park property. The report concluded that while it would be desirable from the park's point of view to acquire it, the ill-will and hard feelings resulting from such an action were not worth it, and the ownership should remain as it is.

Stew Foelix reported looking at the Point Lookout pictures for our website, and Harold volunteered to help him identify houses and provide some information to make them more interesting.

Harold then read from a note sent to him from Virginia MacDonald shortly before her death last month, telling of some of her family history on Merchants Island. He then said he would try to contact Harry Gratwick, author of "Stories from the Maine Coast" about being a speaker for our public presentation this summer. We also need to get any other suggestions Paula Greatorex has for our contribution to the school. She mentioned a time line last year.

Pat Cole asked if we had done anything to define our goals for a fund raising effort, now that we had achieved tax-exempt status. Harold strongly felt that we should continue to try acquiring some land for an eventual building to store our artifacts, and not be discouraged by the lack of support from the year round community. The town's willingness to contribute money to us is a sign of some local support.

It was decided that we should concentrate our efforts for one presentation this summer. The Oral History project was discussed, with six interviews on the recorder: Kris Lewis did three – Belvia MacDonald, Fran Shonenberg and Ted Hoskins; Dick Marks did two – Dan Ellis Sr. and Dr. John Stanbury; Marshall Chapman did one of Charlie Bowen. Future candidates were sought

and Ann Davidson, Fred Eustis, Dr. Dave Jacobus, Dr. Marshall McBean and Tom Guglielmo were suggested. Dick Marks volunteered to interview Marshall McBean and Tom Guglielmo. Kris Lewis was going to transcribe the existing six histories and we will check up on her progress when she arrives. Stew Foelix downloaded the interviews to his personal computer, just in case they accidentally got erased or written over.

The next meeting is set for July 11. Harold will put this on the town hall calendar. There being no further business, either old or new, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To adjourn.**

Adjourned accordingly at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie A. Hamly, Secretary