

Historical Society Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2014

Meeting called to order by Harold at 10:00 AM. Those present: Harold, Pat Cole, Fred Eustis, Dick Marks, Stew Foelix, Charles Turner, Kris Lewis.

Decision made to defer approval of last meeting's minutes until next meeting when secretary is present.

Brenda Hopkins reported amount of funds to be \$4,411.41
Grenda also distributed resume for new Island Institute Fellow, Meghan who we anticipate will be especially beneficial for us because she is a Vassar Graduate with a major in history.

Discussion centered on programming for this summer. Harold reported that Marshall Chapman did not think he would be able to give a program on the Island's surficial geology due to time constraints. It was felt that Prof William Havilland should be invited next year. Harold reported he had heard nothing from Anne Davidson about her friend, David Hackett Fisher giving a presentation about Island artists. Fred offered to find additional contact information from Libby.

Harold said he had talked with Jeff Burke and Jeff had offered to give a program about the lighthouse, which will happen on July 31, 7:30 PM. Harold offered to ask author Harry Gratwick if he would be willing to give a presentation. The Park service will be giving a presentation on August 5 from 3-5:00 PM of the work done by researcher Doug Deur a couple of years ago, and Allison Richardson gave us a spiral bound copy of his report. It is also available as a pdf on line, and it was suggested to have the Historical Society's website include a link for this. Also, it was suggested that the website include portions of recorded verbal interviews as audio files. Stew will do this when they are available, as well as insert more historic photographs.

We will try for another presentation around August 19th.

Kris Lewis has been working on transcribing last year's completed interviews of Dr. Ellis, Charlie Bowen, and Dr. John Stanbury. She found portions of Bowen's hard to understand, in part because of her lack of familiarity with the Island local names. She voiced concerns and will follow up more with concerns permission for the distribution of interviews. Harold suggested that in addition to the usual permission to do the interview, after it is completed that the interviewee be given copies of the transcription and tapes for final approval.

It was suggested that we should have backups of our recorded interviews and transcripts at the Maine Historical Society in Portland.

Suggestions were considered of people for future oral interviews. Included were Tom Guglielmo, Nat Bowditch, Ted Hoskins and Fred Eustis (written interview only)

Discussion centered once again around the pressing need for our own space for storage of historical materials and continues to be felt that many people would donate objects if we had adequate and secure space. Allison Richardson has donated her house (the old Maurice and Helen Barter house) if we can find land to situate it upon.

There was additional discussion about topics for future programs. Suggestions include: the lobster factory, schools, the church, and the mail.

Next meeting set for July 24, 10:00 AM, Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.