

Isle au Haut Historical Society  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 9, 2018  
Revere Memorial Hall

Acting President Tom Guglielmo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following individuals were present: Tom Guglielmo, Kristen Carlson-Lewis, Pat Cole, Brenda Clark, Bob Smith, Stew Foelix, Kendra Chubbuck, and Mabel Ellis.

Brenda Clark noted the Treasurer's Report shows a current balance of \$8,355.07. Discussion ensued regarding allocation of funds from the town to the historical society for the current year. Writing a proposal to request funds from the town in the future is being considered.

Pat Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the recent board meeting held on July 19, 2018; Stew Foelix seconded the motion; all in favor, motion approved.

The upcoming visit of the Great Cranberry Isle Historical Society to Isle au Haut was discussed. Mabel Ellis questioned whether the plan was for finger foods or a luncheon for the visitors; a luncheon. The event has been planned to be held at Town Hall following the worship service and should commence about 11:15 a.m. Volunteers are needed to set up Saturday evening, August 25 for Sunday's event. It was decided a few historical society members will meet with church members to make the decisions regarding the food and drink. Bob Smith noted a brief introduction regarding our historical society would be appropriate. Questions for consideration might include how they evolved, organization and preservation of documents and materials, obtainment and use of an historical society building, funding strategies, successes and failures encountered.

Kendra noted that the church will be having a fundraiser next summer which will include a potluck and a silent auction. Peter Ralston has agreed to donate one of his framed photographs.

Jeff Burke, who was not in attendance, mentioned to Tom that he has spoken with Peter Ralston who is willing to come and speak about his Northwest passage adventure next summer. No date specified.

The recent speaking engagement featuring Karen Wilson and the Limnology of Long Pond was held August 2 at Town Hall with a good turnout and much positive feedback. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate amount for an honorarium and whether an increase to cover boat fare would be feasible. Tom made a motion to raise the honorarium to \$150 starting with this summer's speakers, Bob seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

David Townsend, an expert in biological oceanography will provide this evening's presentation "Oceanography of the Gulf of Maine, and Some Insight into Recently-Observed Changes" at

7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Volunteers: assist with set-up (Tom and Jeff), refreshments (Tom, Kris, Brenda and Pat), publicity done by Bob Smith.

Discussion arose over the current executive board members and trustees and open positions and the interest in filling these roles. Tom also raised the idea of having standing committees to address certain topics such as a 'home' for the historical society or arranging speakers. Bob expressed an interest in serving on the board.

Tom noted the fish shack utilized by Gooden Grant in Head Harbor was taken down and barged away yesterday.

Ideas for speakers next summer was raised and topics such as using some of the historical society's photos combined with knowledgeable residents to provide some interesting stories or perhaps some excerpts from relevant island books such as Charlie Pratt's book about the island, or an individual to talk about their IAH experiences. Discussion to be continued at a later date.

The Isle au Haut Historical Society Annual Report filed electronically with the state of Maine will be updated to reflect the new registered agent, Brenda Clark.

Jeff Burke recently spoke with Malcolm Woolen who reported that subsequent to the overview of the town hall a few years ago by Ian Woolen, an architect that the attic would not be safe for use due to loadbearing issues.

The annual meeting of the historical society will be held on August 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Kristen Carlson-Lewis  
Acting Secretary