

Isle au Haut Historical Society Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023
Held on Zoom

In attendance: Tom Guglielmo, Kristen Carlson-Lewis, Bob Smith, Stew Foelix, Brenda Clark, Donna Hopkins, Mary Fennell, James Myers, Harold Van Doren

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Tom Guglielmo.

PoCo Building - Discussed how the PoCo building could be used by the Historical Society. The entry room could have displays and the room to the right could be a work room/storage area. It was suggested that the group think about this in 3 phases: decision on whether to go forward, design (what do we need), and finally funding. The Historical Society would "lease" the space not purchase.

HUB - Some discussion on whether the HUB would be a more appropriate space for the Historical Society but there is concern that there are a lot of possible uses for the space being discussed. Bob will be talking with the Working Group.

Summer Programs - Three dates over the summer have been reserved at the Town Hall for the Historical Society - July 26 (Couples Night), Aug 9 (to be determined if we want a 3rd event), and Aug 23 (Harold Van Doren). Ideas discussed were a dance, Glen Mittelhauser, Peter Ralston, cemetery tours, house tours, geology, bog tours.

Newsletter - The spring newsletter is being finalized. The group discussed an article about Miss Lizzie. There was concern raised that quotes in the article could cause emotional distress for some. Tom will rewrite the article.

USPS Mailing/Fundraising - Briefly discussed the pros/cons of sending fundraising letters via USPS.

Visits to other Historical Societies were discussed. Deer Isle and Castine would be easier than trying to coordinate with one of the other islands. There was some interest from the Great Cranberry Historical Society about visiting IAH again. This would be coordinated with the church as well.

Next meeting will be July 12th at 10 AM at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47.

Respectively submitted,
Donna Hopkins

