

MEET ME IN SUNCOOK!
Minutes of Meeting
August 2, 2016

Present: Noreen Bean, Jo-Ann Bélanger, Gerald Belanger, Joyce Belanger, Joan Bussiere, Jackie Clark, Norma Daviault, Ron Daviault (co-chair), James Garvin, Roger Menard, Larry Perron.

1. Co-chair Ron Daviault called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. On a motion by Joyce Belanger, seconded by Norma Daviault, the minutes of the meeting of July 5, 2016 were approved with the correction under Item 2 that Jo-Ann Bélanger, not Joyce Belanger, seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2016.
3. Noreen Bean gave the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Checkbook balance on May 3, 2016:	\$6,527.50
Income:	
Member dues	\$195.00
Allotment from the Town of Pembroke	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,195.00

Expenses:	
Bank services charges, April, May, and June	\$6.00
Rental of Post Office Box 1, one year	70.00
Annual dues, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance	50.00
Reimbursement to Town of Pembroke for LED clocktower lights	<u>\$1,670.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,796.00

Checkbook balance on August 2, 2016:	\$5,926.50
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4. Noreen Bean reported no update on the vault contents.
5. The committee updated the list of members who receive meeting minutes each month. The committee agreed to remove the names of Bruce Kimball, Shirley Sullivan, and Joyce Welch. Roger Menard noted that Joan Bailey would appreciate being reminded by a telephone call before each meeting. Noreen Bean offered to call Joan. An edited version of the current mailing list, after changes, is attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

6. Jo-Ann Bélanger reviewed the status of the oral history interview project. The committee had previously discussed broadening the invitations for interviews to anyone with memories of Suncook Village. The committee had also decided to provide invitation for interviews at the Pembroke-Allenstown Old Home Day, August 27, with a list of prompting questions and a flier to be developed by Melaine Boisvert. Jo-Ann also reminded the committee that she will begin to teach a course, "The Diversity of Franco Communities in the United States," as a lecturer in the Languages and Linguistics Department at Plymouth State University in the fall semester.

Her classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00, so Jo-Ann will not be attending *Meet Me in Suncook* meetings through December. If any members of *Meet Me in Suncook* would be willing to be interviewed by the class, meeting appointments can be set up at mutual convenience, possibly at the Suncook Senior Center, the Pembroke Town Library (which has offered the use of the New Hampshire Room), or even at Robert Cavanaugh's CAV'ern Restaurant on Pembroke Street.

Ron Daviault will check with Melaine Boisvert on the proposed Old Home Day flier. Joan Bussiere suggested that interviews might eventually be transcribed into a book similar to Harriet Bean's book on Suncook, to be sold as a fundraiser.

New business:

7. Jim Garvin and Gerry Belanger discussed the peeling paint on the Robert Frost historical marker in Robert Frost Park on Buck Street. Jim noted that paint failures have also been frequent on recently-manufactured state historical markers which, like the Suncook marker, are manufactured by the Sewah Studios in Ohio. Several state markers in the local area have been returned to Sewah for repainting after experiencing the same problem as the Frost Park marker. Ron Daviault noted that Sewah Studios should have a "completed operations" clause in their insurance policy, which would cover the cost of correcting faulty products. Gerry Belanger will contact Sewah Studios, describe the problem to them, and inquire what remedies they offer and which party is responsible for which aspects of crating, return shipping, etc. Committee members wondered whether our marker might be shipped to Ohio along with defective state historical markers if the Department of Transportation is planning on an upcoming return of such markers. Jim Garvin will try to learn who in the Bureau of Traffic is responsible for upkeep of the state historical markers.
8. The committee reviewed the fact that the painting night for the Old Home Day Float will be on Friday, August 19th and the assembly of the float will be on Friday, August 26th.
9. Ron and Norma Daviault, Jackie Clark, and Jo-Ann Bélanger have volunteered to serve at Old Home Day, with times to be determined.
10. The committee discussed several liability-related forms that were sent by Jocelyn Carlucci. Roger Menard signed the "Individual Hold Harmless Agreement" for himself as the sole rider on the float. Other forms are to be signed by Melaine when she is available to do so. Ron Daviault suggested that Noreen Bean obtain a copy of *Meet Me in Suncook's* certificate of insurance from Foy Insurance Company to include with the required forms.
11. Joan Bussiere noted the poor quality of mowing at Frost Park. Jim Garvin reported that Public Works director Jim Boisvert had talked with the mowing contractor, whose work has been substandard but is now improving. The Committee also discussed the increasing vegetation along the riverbank at the park, which obstructs views of the Suncook River, and agreed that we should discuss this with the Pembroke Conservation Commission.
12. The Committee expressed its thanks to Marie Ayles for distributing an e-mailed copy of Larry Perron's document "I never knew . . . DID YOU?" (The Story of "Taps").

13. Jo-Ann Bélanger suggested that future agendas should include a discussion of new initiatives for *Meet Me in Suncook*. Among these is the longstanding goal of placing light fixtures, comparable to the Amoskeag fixtures on Main Street, on existing utility poles along Glass Street, with LED light sources to conserve energy. We need to count the number of new fixtures that would be needed.
14. The next meeting of *Meet Me in Suncook* will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station.
15. On a motion of Larry Perron, seconded by Noreen Bean, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James L. Garvin, Secretary

