MEET ME IN SUNCOOK! Minutes of Meeting April 4, 2017

Present: Marie Ayles, Joan Bailey, Noreen Bean, Melaine Boisvert (co-chair), James Garvin, Roger LaFlamme, Louise Letendre, Larry Perron.

- 1. Co-chair Melaine Boisvert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. The minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2016 were unanimously approved.
- 3. Noreen Bean gave the Treasurer's Reports for December 6, 2016, and April 4, 2017, as follows:

<i>December 2016:</i> Checkbook balance on November 1, 2016:	\$5,675.50
Income: Member dues Reimbursement from Larry Perron for cost of vault padlock	30.00 3.00
Expenses: Pembroke Women's Club for Christmas in the Village Cost of shipping the Robert Frost Park marker to Marietta, Ohio Bank fees Reservation fee at Mei's Restaurant (to be reimbursed)	250.00 300.00 4.00 40.00
Checkbook balance on December 6, 2016:	\$5,114.50
Noreen also noted that she had received a \$500 check from Donna Earnshaw in memory of Bob Wells, which has not yet been deposited but will bring the current balance to \$5,614.50.	
<i>April 2017:</i> Checkbook balance in December after deposit of Earnshaw donation:	\$5,614.50
Income: Reimbursement of reservation fee at Mei's Restaurant Member dues Donation from Joan Bussiere	40.00 75.00 500.00
Expenses: Bank fees for December, January, February, and March @\$2/month Checkbook balance on April 4, 2017:	8.00 \$6,221.50

Noreen noted that she had received a payment of \$15.00 for full membership in *Meet Me in Suncook* from Louise Eaton in February (included in the income reported above) and that Noreen had invited Ms. Eaton to attend meetings as a regular member.

On a motion by Marie Ayles, seconded by Jim Garvin, the treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Noreen also collected current dues from a number of those who were present.

4. Members of the committee inspected the Town Vault, which was opened by key master Larry Perron.

New Business:

- 5. Melaine noted that a number of members were still in Florida for the winter and suggested that at our next meeting we discuss the possibility of holding our first spring meeting in May rather than April.
- 6. The committee discussed their preferred meeting time and agreed to continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. rather than 6:00 p.m.
- 7. Jim Garvin made a motion to lend the tunic of the Suncook Band to the Allenstown Historical Society for use on "History Day." Marie Ayles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 8. Larry Perron reported that he had corresponded with Regis Lemaire regarding the bus tour of August 2009, and Jim Garvin passed around two of Larry's photographs of the tour.
- 9. Larry Perron offered a motion that we purchase a steel shelving unit to place in the Town Vault at a price not to exceed \$40. Jim Garvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 10. The committee discussed a request by the Boys' and Girls' Club that we contribute to a "scholarship" fund to send a deserving child to day camp in the summer. The committee noted that this may not be in accord with our organizational statement of purpose, and agreed to place the question on the agenda of the May meeting, when more members should be present.
- 11. The committee noted that we should elect officers early in the year, and agreed to place the election on the agenda of the May meeting, when more members should be present.
- 12. Joan Bailey asked about the possibility of getting a sign for the head of Broadway directing traffic to "Historic Suncook Village" or to the "Suncook Village Historic District." Jim Garvin reported that according to the sign policy of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Suncook Village is technically not eligible for a Historic

District sign because it has not been 'defined by the municipality as a historic district,' even though it has met the second requirement of being 'composed of multiple sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.'"

Melaine offered to talk with Pembroke town administrator David Jodoin about the possibility of getting the town to designate Suncook Village as a local historic district in order to be qualified for such a sign under DOT policy.

- 13. Melaine Boisvert suggested that to increase interest in *Meet Me in Suncook* and attendance at our meetings, we might post notice of our meetings on the Pembroke Safety Center sign and remind Claudette Verville and Jocelyn Carlucci to note our upcoming meetings in the "Town Crier" columns.
- 14. Noreen Bean noted that she had written to the Town of Pembroke requesting the annual contribution from the town, as town administrator David Jodoin had reminded us to do.
- 15. In November 2016, Larry Perron had mentioned that the *Meet Me in Suncook* bylaws require that we have an audit by a Certified Public Accountant approved by the officers every two years, or at a time when a new treasurer is elected. The bylaws also say that "a summary of this report shall be presented for approval of the membership at the annual meeting of the Organization." Melaine raised the question of whether Roger Menard or Roger LaFlamme could help us with the required audit.
- 16. Larry Perron reported that he had spoken at the Pembroke Town Meeting about the progress that has been made in Suncook Village in recent years, largely through the efforts of the *Meet Me in Suncook* committee. Larry had drawn special attention to the improvement in lighting the town clock. Jim Garvin remarked that Larry's remarks provided a much-appreciated and positive conclusion to the town meeting, and that the audience gave Larry the only applause of the meeting. Larry invited people to look at some of his historical photographs after the town meeting adjourned, and several people did so.
- 17. The next meeting of *Meet Me in Suncook* will be on May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the old Pembroke Fire and Police Station.
- 18. On a motion by Jim Garvin, seconded by Marie Ayles, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, James Garvin, Secretary