

READSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING

May 24, 2016

5:30pm

Attendance: Alfred Scaia, Betty Bolognani, Priscilla Thayer, James Franzenelli, Rhonda Smith, Priscilla Margola (6pm) and Mitchell Holland (6:30pm)

Welcome and introduction by Alfred was made. The purpose of the meeting was to revive the historical society to what it used to be. Due to the current officers retiring their titles, it was time to elect new officers and directors to the board. Betty (president) and Priscilla Thayer (Treas/Sec) have stepped down but will remain active members.

New officers and directors were voted on and elected as follows;

- Alfred Scaia – President. 1st motion made by Jim. 2nd motion made by Priscilla Thayer. All in favor.
- James Franzenelli - Vice President. 1st motion made by Alfred. 2nd motion by Betty. All in favor.
- Rhonda Smith – Treasurer and Secretary. 1st motion made by Betty. 2nd motion by Alfred. All in favor.
- James Franzenelli – Webmaster & Contact Administrator. 1st motion by Alfred, 2nd motion by Betty. All in favor.
- Directors: Betty Bolognani, Priscilla Thayer, Mitchell Holland, Tom Boudreau, Priscilla Margola.

New signers on bank account are now needed since Betty and Priscilla have stepped down and do not want to be on the any accounts anymore.

It was decided to take Betty Bolognani off the checking and savings accounts.

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Therefore since Rhonda was elected treasurer, her name will be added to both checking and saving accounts. Rhonda stated that 2 others should be added in case she is not available to make transactions.

Rhonda made a motion that the President, Alfred Scaia should be added. 2nd motion was made by Jim. All in Favor.

Alfred made a motion to put Mitchell Holland on both accounts, for he is in town all the time and it would be easier access for Rhonda and Mitchell to communicate. 2nd motion made by Jim Franzenelli. All in favor.

Priscilla Thayer will get all the paperwork needed from the Mountain One Bank in North Adams, MA to change names over.

Change of Address: Rhonda asked about the address for the bank statements and what address should we use. She said the mail was going to Betty's address and wondered if it should be changed to the newly elected treasurer's address. Alfred agreed and made a motion to change address to Rhonda Smith's PO Box 16 Readsboro, VT 05350. 2nd motion made by Mitchell. All in favor.

Renewing memberships and having annual dues instead of lifetime dues was discussed. Alfred thought maybe if annual dues for membership were applied, it would create more money for the historical society. \$5.00 per membership was an idea. Rhonda will look into creating a letter and postcard to send out. Priscilla will give current membership list to Rhonda who will also give to Jim to create a mail address labels.

Maintenance of the Building and the other beam that needs to be replaced was discussed. Lance Howard already replaced one beam inside towards the back of the main room, but another one in the front of the main room should be replaced. He told Mitchell that the beam could wait a few years because the front of the building could use some scraping and a coat of paint, with fixing of some shakes. Also Mitchell said the east side of the building needs some attention, for the clapboards were rotting badly. An estimate for the painting of the front was given by Park Carrier of \$900 and he would fix the shakes at no cost.

It was voted and agreed that Park Carrier paint the front of the building for \$900 (paid by the Town of Readsboro) and fix the shakes as needed at no cost.

1st motion made by Alfred Scaia. 2nd motion made by Rhonda Smith. All in favor.

Rhonda will go to the next select board meeting to explain the hold on the beam and ask for the \$900 to be approved.

Alfred will get of hold of Lance to see if he could come up with some kind of plan and budget for the maintenance of the building.

Plaque that used to hang on the granite statue out front was brought up. Mitchell came in with it at meeting and he was going to try to see if someone could look at it to clean it up. All agreed that it would be nice to get it back up by June 25, the towns 4th of July celebration.

Opening of the Historical Society on June 25 was discussed if we could get it cleaned up and organized by then.

Next meeting Tuesday June 21, 2016 at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Smith
Secretary