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Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.
Society Meeting, October 21, 2025
Location: Congregational Church Vestry

Members Present: Gerhard Fandreyer, Patty Hawkins, Terri Johnson, Jane French, Julie Hockman, Jeffrey Goewey, Kay Deans, Tom Specht, Craig Twohey

Meeting Opened by Patty Hawkins at 6:40 PM

Treasurer's Report: Current balance of the checking account is \$8,333.74. There is \$40 in renewals and donation not yet deposited. Expenses paid since January 1st: \$7,243.52 pd by the society, and \$1,792.00 donated/i.e. paid by society members. A few more bills still to come in.

Moved by Craig Twohey to accept the report as stated. Seconded by Julie Hockman. Passed.

Minutes: The minutes were emailed to everyone after the September meeting. No changes were suggested. None brought up at the meeting. **Moved** by Julie Hockman to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Tom Specht. Passed.

Curator's Report: Approximately 50 people visited the museum this year. Several came from out of state, and Jane drove some of them around. Nancy MacEwen donated several items including 4 filing cabinets, an ox yolk, posters and some odds & ends. Craig mentioned that he has old sleds from the early '60s if we are interested.

Next season's theme will be "250 Years". Jane would like our input on what we should celebrate – Revolution veterans? Re-enactment? Descendents from 1776 and Civil War? Other...

Jane and Terry would like volunteer help manning the museum on Wednesdays and Sundays next season. A suggestion was made that we have society meetings at the museum and spend a portion of the meeting getting familiar with the different displays in order for volunteers to feel more comfortable acting as docents.

North Quabbin History Tour: We had a good turnout, better than last year. No one present was able to visit other societies. Suggested changes for next year were having 2 or 3 open houses during the season, or making it an all-season event.

Memory Tree: Linda Langevin is organizing the event and was unable to attend this meeting. Kay brought up her concern about dwindling attendance embarrassing to the town. She thinks that next year we might have to consider not inviting the local dignitaries who read the names.

Suggestions for next year: 1) Change the date to the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of December so we don't have to compete with Templeton's major event on that Sunday.

Suggestions for this year: 1) Announce who is Citizen of the Year ahead of time and go all out publicizing the award date and celebration. Gerhard, Craig and Jane to bring this up at the meeting to choose the winner 2) Offer light refreshments and gather in the church vestry to congratulate the new Citizen of the Year following the ceremony. Gerhard will check with Al Rose for some cider. 3) More publicity on the internet. 4) Have a door prize. Craig said he would donate it, a gift card to a local restaurant.

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Other business: Julie reminded us that we will be selling 120 Club tickets in time for Christmas. She also suggested that next year we sell chances on turkey baskets for the major holidays. We would start selling the chances 2 months before the holiday.

Moved by Patty Hawkins to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gerhard. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Deans

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Assistant Clerk