

**VANCEBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 26, 2023 MINUTES (APPROVED)**

Chair Danny Beers called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Directors Present: Danny Beers; Donna Wright; Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw; Cheryl Long.

Via Zoom: Faye Luppi; Lyn Mikel Brown; Dorothy Cummings; Gary Beers

Also Present: Curtis Scott Ms. Cummings departed the meeting at 7:35pm.

Mr. D. Beers moved approval of the June 10, 2023 minutes as presented; Second by Ms. Cummings. Unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to Report

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Ms. Peaslee-Hinshaw noted that she had typed up the results of the June 10 Sticky Note Exercise included in those minutes.

Recording Secretary's Report

Mr. G. Beers stated that he had begun placing documents in Archive and that Mr. D. Beers had suggested that copies be kept in the VHS space at the Center. Ms. Brown queried if it would be good to put the agendas/minutes on the web site. All agreed.

Unfinished Business

A brief discussion ensued on the June 10th Meeting Results which concluded with moving into the New Business items.

New Business

Ms. Luppi proposed that a Mission Committee be established to review all the related inputs and derive a summary mission statement for the Society to be addressed at the next meeting.

Members appointed are Ms. Peaslee-Hinshaw, Mr. D. Beers; Ms. Luppi, and also Mr. Curtis Scott.

Ms. Luppi explained the two versions of Bylaws Article II which address dues and membership considerations. Mr. G. Beers noted that the first version including amounts for dues would require amendment to the Bylaws any time they changed, whereas the second retained the ability to address membership classes and fees in a Board operating procedures document. After lengthy discussion Ms. Luppi moved to approve the second version. Second by Mr. G. Beers. Unanimous consent.

Ms. Luppi then noted Article I, Section 2 that addressed including surrounding communities.

Mr. G. Beers suggested that the sentence would be all encompassing simply with a period at the end of "communities". Discussion resulted in agreement and Ms. Luppi moved to approve that revision. Second by Mr. G. Beers. Unanimous consent.

She then noted Article III, Section four spelling out "not less than five and not more than fifteen members for the Board of Directors. Discussion resulted in unanimous agreement.

Mr. G. Beers then moved approval of the presented Bylaws as amended. Second by Ms. Luppi. Unanimous consent.

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Mr. G. Beers explained the process of formal establishment of the Society as a corporation and ultimately a tax-exempt entity for both the Maine and Federal governments. General discussion on the subject ensued particularly fund-raising, ending a consensus decision to go forward with that process.

Ms. Cheryl Long stated that the Town Selectboard had formally approved the Society's use of space in the Rec Center and was so listed in their minutes, so a memorandum of agreement was unnecessary.

Ms. Peaslee-Hinshaw indicated that she would be addressing artifacts and docent considerations. A brief discussion on Program and Events Committees. Ms. Teresa Monk was appointed Chair of the Events Committee as she had requested. As found in the Bylaws she is therewith appointed to the Board of Directors

Discussion (any new topics) – Ms. Brown asked for a newsletter idea be included in the next meeting agenda.

Committee/Other Reports - None

Adjournment – Mr. D. Beers moved adjournment at 8:06pm. Second by Ms. Luppi. Unanimous consent.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 20, 2023, 2:00PM, VANCEBORO REC CENTER.

Enclosures:

- 1. VHS 06-10-23 minutes***
- 2. By-Laws Draft***
- 3. Employer Identification Number – FSS4***
- 4. Maine Registration of Name – MBCA1***
- 5. Maine Articles of Incorporation – MBCA6***
- 6. Streamlined Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) – I1023EZ***