

**Minutes of the Eliot Maine Bicentennial Committee
November 18, 2019
William Fogg Library**

Approved 01/27/2020

PRESENT: Gene Wypinski, Lydia Goodwin, Rosanne Adams, Janice Cerabona, Pauline Warner (Eliot Garden Club)

ABSENT: Diane Reppucci, Cindy Waters, Margaret Morse, Kim Brooker, Jack Murphy, Wendy Rawski, Ann Shisler

Meeting opened at 5 pm

BUSINESS

1. The MINUTES of the October 7, 2019 were approved as sent out with corrections. VOTE: 4-0.

2. CALENDAR UPDATES

a. Jan reported that the events calendar had been updated and copies made for distribution. A thank you to the Town Office staff.

b. Items discussed re: updates - the upcoming History Walk at the Marshwood High School Christmas Bazaar on December 7th and the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Cleanup day on April 14th; a late winter/early spring afternoon musical event featuring Mr. K and students from Eliot Elementary School and various local musical groups.

REPORTS

a. Jan reported on attending the "York County History Trail" meeting today and the importance of the group and their website in publicizing events in Eliot, including the William Fogg Library and Eliot Historical Society's #8 Schoolhouse museum.

b. Jan talked about the rejection of our grant request from the Maine 200 Committee. She has been in contact with Bradley Sawyer, of the Maine 200 Committee, to try and find out why our grant request was rejected. He said he would relay the request for feedback on our application to the proper group and that we should be hearing soon. This information will help us when making future requests during the next cycle that begins in January.

c. Jan reported on a conference held by the Maine Arts and Humanities recently in Portland. One of a series of discussions offered during this Bicentennial year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lydia introduced Pauline Warner of the Eliot Garden Club. Pauline was looking for ideas as to how her group could be involved in the Bicentennial. She noted that the National Garden Club's theme this year is "Each One, Plant One" and that they were

thinking of possibly doing something at Hammond Park. The group discussed how the statewide plantings of white pine seedlings might fit right into this theme. It was suggested that she contact the town manager who had originally championed this and was directed to the Maine 200 website for more information. Suggestions to the Garden Club included working with the school and PEEPS in a pumpkin growing contest for students (taking seeds and growing them over the summer then having them bring to Eliot Festival Day); participating in the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Day in April.

2. Gene reported that the Eliot Festival Day Committee this year will be reserecting the old style brochure which will be sent out well before Eliot Festival Day and businesses, large and small, will be offered the opportunity to buy ads. This will generate the monies to produce the brochure and send out to residents as well as supplemental monies for the Eliot Festival Day Committee. Plans are to also have a page for the Bicentennial Committee and a "Did you know..." section with facts about our town and state history.

3. Rosanne reported on plans for the Community Bean Supper to be held March 14, 2020 at the United Methodist Church. The supper will have a baked bean contest component; be by donation only. She is looking for several organizations to help sponsor the event; will solicit small donations (\$5-\$10) from businesses to help cover some of the expenses; solicit area businesses for door prizes (different ones than will be asked for a monetary donation) to be given out at the event. Possible sponsors will be contacted by January and an initial meeting held to determine what contribution each group is able make to the effort, followed by communication through phone and email. Rosanne handed out the outline of the event and asked that it be discussed further at the December meeting.

4. Next meeting : December 9th, William Fogg Library, 5pm.

Meeting closed at 6:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rosanne M. Adams