

# Freedom Community Historical Society

*Restoring the Past / Envisioning the Future*  
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Meeting Notes Wednesday October 9, 2019 6:30pm at Freedom Town Office

1. Call to order- Myrick Cross called the meeting to order. 6:30 pm
2. Attendance: Frances Walker; Kate Flynn; Myrick Cross; Anne-Marie Adamson: Sally Ann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Beth Mishou, Roy Mishou.
3. Approval of September 11, 2019 minutes. Adjustment to minutes to add the names of Phil and Mrs. Dow to the attendance. Motion to accept amended minutes made and seconded.
4. Treasurer's Report- Kate Flynn reviewed the treasurers report and it was accepted.
  - Money Market : Beginning balance;\$46627.71
  - Ending balance: \$15,138.18
  - Checking account: \$2922.90
  - Savings account: \$25.13
  - Paypal Account: \$53.49

## Old Business

- J Wilbur construction has completed the foundation on Keen Hall. Payments of \$13,000 and \$18,500.00 were made respectively. Extra work on the sills needed to be completed, hence the extra \$5000.00.
- The next steps for Keen hall will be leveling the embankment in order to reduce erosion. A retaining wall of some sort and then grading the surface. Brandon Suitor is a prospect for doing the work.
- A crew from the re entry center cleaned up the Keen hall property recently. They took out debris and swept it out. Plastic was put over any broken windows. The entry to the cellar also still needs to be covered. Myrick recently went into the new cellar and said it is very big and beautiful!

## New Business

- Upcoming events hosted by Freedom Community historical Society include:
  - Antiques Roadshow- Planned for Sunday November 3rd 2-4 pm. Held at the Grange hall. Sally Ann made the flyer and they have been posted on social media, local general stores and distributed to other members to post. Myrick will call the local paper to put an add in. \$5.00 donation for 1 item to be appraised and \$3.00 for every other item. Bob Stover will be an MC and several other appraisers have agreed including jewelry and firearms. Refreshments will be supplied by FCHS and will ask for a donation. 410.00 table
  - .We will hang a large wreath and light it as well as a spotlight for a festive decoration the first weekend of December or before. Kate will either make the wreath or it will be purchased depending on the weather. The Keen hall will display lights officially on December 1st.
  - Follies and winterfest will be February 1st. Held either on Sandy pond or in Myrick's field and pond. Paul will be asked to make the connections with people for ice cutting and activities and sleigh. Possible ice cream making and ice sculpture. Marketing should begin early enough to allow for snowstorms and meeting cancellation. Follies will follow the Winterfest. Grange hall will sell

refreshments during the intermission.

- Beth informed the group that there is a facebook page called “Donors Choice. She says that we can put particular needed items (ie fireplace) on the page and wealthy donors will donate anonymously. She will help the group set it up.
- There is a new grant that Myrick has started writing. It is for the Historic Preservation of Economic Development. They are interested in funding historic preservation projects that will help with the economic development of a town. He feels that Keen Hall fits that description. Basically the grant looks at how much money you have and they match it.
- Other grants that we have applied to in the past should be reapplied for because more than a year has elapsed. Perhaps purchasing a new copy of Maine Philanthropy Association grant book would help us update the possibilities.
- Mailing for thank you to donors will be done. Myrick has a rough draft of the letter and Beth agreed to help him fine tune it.
- Mail holiday card and update on Keen Hall with pictures of the progress as a donation drive. Anne-Marie will order the cards with picture from winterfest. Myrick will write a note of the progress and upcoming event dates. A return envelope for donations will be enclosed. Frances will print the mailing labels. Mailed out by the first week in December.
- Digital archives need to be the responsibility of all members of FCHS. Taking a day or two here and there to get some done.

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*Next Meeting: November 13, 2019 6:30pm*

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Myrick Cross, President; Frances Walker, Vice President; Anne Marie Adamson, Secretary;  
Kate Flynn, Treasurer; Viola Greeley, President Emeritus

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Viola Greeley, Myrick Cross, Kate Flynn, Paul Flynn, Anne Marie Adamson,  
Frances Walker, Sally Hadyniak

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