

DUBLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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At the Annual Meeting on September 13, Mary McKee suggested a series of visits to neighboring historical societies to see how they operate and to generate ideas about housing, dues, programs and projects. This suggestion was enthusiastically adopted. A small group has already visited the Hancock society (which can only accomodate small groups). Other visits, to which all members are invited, are scheduled as follows:

Jaffrey Historical Society on Tuesday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Peterborough Historical Society on Friday, October 10 at 12:30 p.m. Bring a brown-bag lunch.

Historical Society of Cheshire County on Friday, October 17 at 3:00 p.m. in Rhodes Hall, 246 Main Street, Keene.

Each visit will include a tour of the host society's collections, talks by one or more of its officers, and an opportunity to ask questions. Obviously, those who have gone on these visits will be one-up, when it comes to deciding policy for our society, so now's your chance! (Members who, like your Secretary, missed the Hancock visit and would like to organize another should get in touch with him at 563-8640.)

The next regular meeting will be at Beek and Betty Pool's house on Friday, October 24 at 12 noon. The agenda will include reports from Lucy Shonk's committee on the state of the collections, Bill Bauhan's building committee, and the Town History Committee. Bring your own lunch, but Betty Pool has kindly promised to provide her justly renowned chocolate chip cookies, as well as things to drink. Members planning to attend should call Betty a week in advance, so that she will know how many cookies to bake.

Review of the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting unanimously adopted an addition to the Articles of Association and, with two minor amendments, new by-laws in the form which has been available for inspection.

Bill Bauhan, Nancy Campbell, Linda Van Wyk, Pat Walker and Abe Wolfe were elected Trustees.

Under the new by-laws, the senior officers of the Society must be elected by the membership "from among the Trustees." Bill Bauhan was elected President, Nancy Campbell Vice-President, and Linda Van Wyk Treasurer. At the subsequent Trustees' meeting, Lucy Shonk was elected Curator and John Harris Secretary and Archivist.

Among the topics discussed were a new dues schedule, where and when meetings should be held, and the pros and cons of the old school house as the Society's official base. Committees were formed to consider (a) the building and (b) the organization and cataloguing of the Society's collection of artifacts. Another committee was formed to look into the possibility of updating the Town History, last published in 1920, the year the Society was founded. These committees have since met, and reports will be made at the meeting on October 24.

(Any member wishing a copy of the Articles of Association, the new by-laws, or the official minutes of the Annual Meeting, should call the Secretary at 563-8640.)

The Society needs YOUR help!

The committees described above - on the building, the collections and a new Town History - were, not surprisingly, formed of members who were present at the Annual Meeting. Members who were absent from the Annual Meeting, but who are interested in serving on any of these committees should call Bill Bauhan (563-8640).

What other relevant interests and skills lurk among the membership? For example, there must be members with expertise in the identification and dating of antiques. Someone knowledgeable in the conservation of fabrics could be of immense help. How about archivists, professional or amateur? Aren't there members who have experience in oral history, or who would like to learn?

Less specialized skills are also much needed - photography, for example. Anyone who has, or knows how to use, a word processor could help enormously with cataloguing and communications - like the Newsletter. Another committee is needed to organize programs and speakers for future meetings.

There is much that needs doing, and the foregoing are only a few of many ways in which members can contribute. Please let the President know your ideas, interests and skills.

John W. Harris, Secretary