

Chatham Historical Society
Annual Meeting of Members
August 25, 2019

The business meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in the meeting room of the Eldredge Public Library by the Chair Ginny Nickerson, who welcomed all those present. She informed them that committee reports and the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting were all available on the Society's website.

A motion was made to waive the reading of the 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Executive Director Danielle Jeanloz informed the members of the financial condition of the Society, which is good. Details are in the report on the website. The report is attached to and becomes part of these minutes.

Craig Vokey reported for the Governance & Nominating Committee. The Governance & Nominating Committee, led by Dick Evans, did a major rewriting of the Society's by-laws last year. This year the committee became aware of a concern which needed to be addressed regarding term limits for officers of the Society. The by-law change, which allows for an officer's term on the Board to extend beyond 12 years under special need of that officer's particular abilities, is attached to and becomes part of these minutes. After an explanation of the rewritten by-law, a motion was approved to accept the by-law change.

Ginny thanked three retiring members of the Board of Trustees – Dick Evans, Don St. Pierre, and Tim Weller. She expressed the Board's appreciation for the many hours donated to the Society by these retiring Board members. Craig also expressed appreciation to David Oakley who is retiring from the Honorary Trustees; David has donated many hours to Boards and committees over many years.

Craig presented the slate of officers for the year 2019-2020.

They are: Chair - Virginia T. Nickerson
 Vice Chair - Steve Nickerson
 Secretary - Betty Schiller
 Treasurer – Linda Cebula

The slate of officers was approved by those present.

Craig presented the Trustees up for election this year.

They are: Amanda Davis (new to the Board) Class of 2020
 Jamie Selldorff (new to the Board) Class of 2022
 Mike Woehler (new to the Board) Class of 2023

Re-elect: Dawn Boynton Class of 2023
Stuart Green Class of 2023
Steve Nickerson Class of 2023

A motion to approve the election of the Trustees as presented was approved. Board members were introduced to all present. Danielle read a list of all members of the Board of Trustees and all Honorary Trustees.

Danielle provided a short report as Executive Director. She referred to the three new exhibits for 2019. The Main Street Cape Cod Exhibit involved a collaboration with Historical Societies and Museums all over Cape Cod. Exhibits planned for 2020 will highlight the 400th anniversary of the coming of the Mayflower to Cape Cod shores and the Wampanoags. There will also be an exhibit recognizing the 75th anniversary of the ending of World War II.

Danielle commented on the excellent help provided by interns this summer, and the outstanding addition to the staff of administrator Caroline Imperato.

She also commented about a trip available to members in September out to Stage Harbor Lighthouse. Signup for this trip is required. She expressed her thanks to the retiring Trustees and Honorary Trustee for the many ways they have assisted her, as well as thanking all members, volunteers, and the public for supporting the Society and the Museum.

There was no old business and no new business. A motion to adjourn the business meeting was presented and approved at 3:40 pm.

The speaker was held up in traffic, so Danielle gave his introduction while those present awaited his arrival. The speaker was David Weeden, who spoke about the Wampanoag Nation of Native Americans and what is known about their culture. Mr. Weeden is a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and is its Historical Preservation Officer. His program was well received by the audience, with a number of follow up questions from the audience.

Margaret Martin
Assistant Secretary