

## Hampton Historical Society

### Annual Meeting

October 14, 2011

President Ben Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., welcoming everyone. There were 35 in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting are printed in the annual report booklet. The minutes were approved as written.

The financial report from treasurer, Bob Dennett, is in the booklet.

All committee reports are in the booklet, and will be printed in the newsletter. A copy of these reports will be on file.

Karen Raynes served as this year's nomination committee chair. Others who served on this committee: Bill Keating, Chet Riley, Mark McFarlin, and Sammi Moe. Karen gave the report of the committee. The slate of nominees presented: Elizabeth Aykroyd, Dave DeGagne, Liz Premo, Ben Moore, Rich Hureau, and Mark McFarlin. Ben asked for nominations from the floor, and there were none. Russ Merrill moved that we accept the slate as presented, with a second by Chet Riley. The motion passed unanimously.

Elected to serve on the nomination committee for the next year was Ann Carnaby and Betty Moore. A chair and 2 other committee members will be appointed by the board at a later date.

Candy Stellmach spoke about the Parks and Recreation program on "Fairy Houses" taking place on Oct. 22. Author Tracy Kane, who wrote a book series on the subject, will be at the event. This will take place at the Tuck building with a shuttle to the Grist Mill on High St. to view some fairy houses. Some lovely examples of these artistic works done by Dave DeGagne and Karen Raynes are temporarily on display at the museum, but will be going to the Grist Mill for the event.

Candy also asked for volunteers for one Sunday afternoon a month to be greeters at the museum. This will help keep the museum running smoothly, giving Betty and others a break.

Executive Director, Betty Moore, thanked Ben for serving as president of the Board of Trustees. She also thanked the volunteers, and Bill Keating who has served as the adult education and programs chair. Betty also let us know that the Civil War dresses will be on display for just a few more days, and that the parlor has been set up as the "Charles Henry Turner Room".

October 16 – 22 is NH History week. Visit the New Hampshire Historical Society website for information on events and programs.

Elly Becotte came to HHS as a new volunteer this year. She came with an interest in poet John Greenleaf Whittier, and his association with Hampton. Elly has written a book, with editing assistance by Cheryl Lassiter. This book is being sold at the museum for \$8, with the proceeds benefitting HHS and

Tuck Museum. Elly signed copies sold this evening, and the book sold out. More copies will be printed soon.

Ben spoke about a great article about Tuck Museum, written by Cheryl Lassiter for the publication, "New Hampshire To Do". Copies of this article were available at the meeting.

The business portion of the meeting was ended, and Bill Keating introduced Gus Rausch, curator of the Whittier Homestead Museum in Haverhill, MA. The program was about the life of John Greenleaf Whittier, and very interesting. Mr. Rausch read 2 poems by Whittier at the end of his program.

The program ended at 8:25p.m. Mr. Rausch invited everyone to come to the Whittier Homestead, and let us know that a program, "Snowbound", is planned for February 11 and 12.

Refreshments were served, and everyone was encouraged to look around the museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammi Moe, secretary