

The Sons & Daughters of the First Settler of Newbury, MA

Annual Meeting Minutes

Hope Church, Hale Street, Newburyport, MA and Via Vimeo

Officers Present: John Pramberg, Sue Gagnon, Patty Keys, and Marsha Pease.

Board of Directors: Ed Mair, Jim Noyes, Dawn Stephens, Gillian Whaley.

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### Annual Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President John Pramberg at 9:30 am. President John Pramberg welcomed everyone to the meeting, in person and via Vimeo. There were 47 members in person and approximately 5 via Vimeo, the teleconference service of the Hope Church. John described the situation of many organizations who must disband due to lack of membership and/or member involvement. He encouraged members to enlist family members and/or friends to join the Society of the Sons & Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury. He also encouraged members to be involved as a Board Member.

### Annual Proposed Budget for 2022 – 2023

The proposed budget was presented. A motion was made to approve the budget and it was accepted.

### Nomination Committee Report

Committee Chair Jim Noyes presented the following slate of officers for election (\* incumbent):

Recording Secretary (2022 – 2024)- Marsha Pease\*

Corresponding Secretary (2022 – 2024) - Marsha Pease\*

Registrar (2022 - ?) - Sue Gagnon\*\*

Board Member (2022 - 2024) - Jean Harden

A motion was made and seconded to accept this slate of candidates and it was voted to accept.

The Society's Board consists of 11 members, the term of each position being two years. The Board meets every six weeks, throughout the year. Since the Board meets via ZOOM, it is possible and encouraged for Board participation via remote locations. There are two vacant positions, the Vice President and one Board member seat.

### Registrar's Report

- Total applications that were voted an approved for the past year, September 2021 through July 2022 were:

New Memberships: 23

Supplemental Memberships: 3

Reinstatements: 1

The following applications were presented at this meeting for membership:

Shawn Travis Huse Ancestor: John Huse

1697 Sheddsville Road

West Windsor, VT 05089

Kathleen Huse Taft Ancestor: John Huse

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A motion was made to accept these applications for membership, and it was approved.

Sue said that the membership application/criteria has been changed to accept membership in other lineal organizations (for example, DAR or SAR membership). Hopefully, this change will facilitate the application process for prospective members.

A motion was made to accept the Registrars Report and it was voted to acc  
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## Corresponding/Recording Secretary Report

Marsha reported that the Board met 8 times since the last meeting. All meetings were via Zoom. She summarized the Corresponding/Recording Secretary duties as correspondence, mailing list maintenance, response to questions via the website and Facebook, and minutes of all meetings). A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report and it was approved.

## House Report

- Bruce Ilsley continues to do an excellent job maintaining the Jackman-Willett House grounds. Other maintenance activities included bi-monthly pest control and various plumbing issues. The new septic system was successfully installed in October. Thanks to all who contributed to this project! The annual yard sale was held in September, proceeds going to the septic system fund. Over the two day sale, \$2,633.50 was added to the fund.

## Other Business

The Jackman-Willett House will be open until 3pm for tours.. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

After the Business Meeting, there were two excellent presentations.

Caroline Bigelow presented "Gravestones, Gravestone Carvers, and Death in Colonial Essex County, MA." Caroline has loved history and old cemeteries from a very early age and is a familiar figure in many New England cemeteries. She is very active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, having just recently served as Massachusetts DAR State Historian and a Chapter Regent for the Colonel Timothy Bigelow Chapter in Worcester. In her spare time, she serves on the Board for the Friend of Hope Cemetery in Worcester, MA and is a Roman and Revolutionary War reenactor.

Kristine Malpica presented "Native Americans in Essex County in Colonial Times". Kristine is a public researcher interested in Native American tribes in Essex County and focused on colonial "bounty" laws for Native American scalps.

The link for the entire annual meeting, including guest speaker presentations: <https://vimeo.com/73648923>

As guests registered, they enjoyed a continental breakfast with scones, an assortment of pastries, coffee and juice. A lunch of sandwiches, clam chowder, chips and cookies followed the business meeting and presentations. All attendees expressed appreciation for the work that went into organizing and planning the meeting as well as having the opportunity to meet in person. The sales table was brisk business, with books, masks, and cookbook sold! Guests were asked to complete a survey about their experiences at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marsha Pease, Recording Secretary  
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