

DUMMERSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 20, 2022  
VIA ZOOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Fish, Ruth Hoffman, Sallie May, Jody Normandeau, Sara Ryan, Gail Sorenson, Muriel Taylor plus approximately 31 other members and guests.

President Muriel Taylor called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed the guests in attendance. It was noted that a quorum was present.

The first order of business was the reading of the 2021 abbreviated Minutes by Gail Sorensen, who had taken the Minutes that evening. She announced that the full Minutes were on the website if anyone wanted to view them. This was our first attempt at a meeting via ZOOM and the Minutes were quite informative when considering that Gail was also fielding people arriving late and looking for our ZOOM link.

The next order of business was a brief recap by Muriel of what the Society had accomplished in 2021. In January we had Chuck Fish doing our first ZOOM based program about Rudyard Kipling and his 4 years in Dummerston; the April meeting was a ZOOM meeting with Rich Holshuh discussing the indigenous people of Dummerston and the surrounding areas which was very well attended. In July a very few of us got together to just celebrate being able to be together and enjoy seeing each other again in person. In October Jared Flynn presented a very interesting talk about dry stone walling complete with pictures of some of the many things he has built at the Scott Farm, Green Mtn Orchard and Elysian Hills. People were urged to check our Website for photos, and to visit the Stone Trust at Scott Farm or Green Mtn Orchard to see these structures in person.

Ruth Hoffman then presented the Treasurer's report showing balances as of December 31, 2021 of:

Operating Budget	\$ 9, 496.48
Capital Budget	<u>14,273.62*</u>
Total	\$23,770.10

\*Contains committed funds for hired work to be done in 2022 of approximately \$6500, and is thus not available for other projects. Ruth presented the budget for 2022 which was developed by the Board and approved at its January 2022 Directors' meeting. With Sara's assistance, the budget was shown on a split screen; there were no questions from the membership. Ruth noted that 82% of the budget is used to support the building and thanked all for their generosity in continuing with their donations. She asked if there were any questions and none were raised.

Muriel then asked Jody to read the list of nominations for those Officers who needed to be (re-)elected for 1 year terms in office:

President	Muriel Taylor
Vice President	Sara Ryan
Secretary	Charles "Chuck" Fish

She asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none. It was moved and seconded to elect Muriel, Sara and Chuck to their positions for another year, and so voted.

Of note is the fact that Treasurer Ruth Hoffman has 2 years remaining on her 3-year term and so did not need to be re-elected tonight. The terms of Directors Sallie May, Jody Normandeau and Gail Sorensen did not expire this year and so were carried over.

Muriel reviewed our plans for the coming year which include continuing the inventory of our collection, focusing on continuing to protect our beloved schoolhouse, (replacement of rotted beams in basement: Brunelle: spring 2022), to preserve our past and present Dummerston history and to bring programs of interest to our widening number of members and friends.

There being no further business to discuss and nothing raised from the audience, Sara moved that we adjourn the business meeting, Ruth seconded and the motion passed.

Chuck then hosted the program, loosely entitled Planes, Trains, & Automobiles, memories of motorized vehicles in Dummerston. We broadened this a bit to include stories about muddy roads (can you believe 27 truck loads of gravel in a sink hole just north of the Hazelton residence on Park Laughton Road and it was still a muddy mess?!). A total of 8 different people spoke, some several times, with stories of flying out of “Dummerston International Airport”, driving Dummerston roads in all types of vehicles, from fire trucks to town trucks, to assisting 10-wheelers up Miller Road Hill on an icy day. We heard about the ski tow that was operated by an old car on Prospect Hill for a few years, owned by a couple of local gentlemen and operated by a very young Wayne Emery. Dennis Tier and Harold Newell gave us stories from the West Dummerston perspective, with stories of the building of a new firetruck that could go up the East-West Road with a full tank of water at a pace much faster than its predecessor, which could just barely crawl that last few hundred feet before reaching the top. And who knew that the West Dummerston Davis brothers once ran a motorcycle shop out of their father’s garage! These are but a sampling of the memories that were shared. It was a great time sharing and remembering, and we hope to do it again at a future date.

But all good things must come to an end, and at 8:35 Muriel thanked all for coming, and bid us all good night.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie J. May, Secretary Pro Tem

Finalized: 1.27.22

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