

Dummerston Historical Society

Annual Meeting
January 21, 2024 2 – 4 PM
Business Meeting

Open Meeting:

Muriel Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:11pm. She welcomed the assembled members and she shared a brief review of 2023. It was a really good year. Many building improvements were done thanks to the ARPA funds. The basement and attic improvement were done including, washing of the building, replacement of exterior door, installation of the heat pumps. Programs included Dummerston Schools-I Memories Past and Present; Charlie Marchant and the Wardsboro group showed their Porter Thayer photos; Don Hazelton's Celebration, and a Tribute to Dr. Grace Burnett. Exhibits that took place include Faces of Dummerston, Artists of Dummerston, and currently an Exhibit of Tools.

We want to be open more and thus will be having more exhibits. At the February board meeting we will be talking about what lies ahead for the upcoming year including programs, growing membership, and we'll continue working on the inventory of our collection and how to preserve them as well as keeping them accessible.

Treasurer's Report:

Ruth shared the finances including that we have more than \$13,000 We have over \$6,000 in our Capital Fund that we have not had to utilize due to the ARPA funds received. Ruth explained expenditures paid for by the DHS and those paid by ARPA funds. We do have daily, monthly, yearly expenses to care for this building. These expenses are covered by the dues and donations of members and friends. In February we will be discussing and developing our Capital Fund Plan.

Presentation of slate Officers and Directors for 2024

Ruth, after determining there was a quorum, presented the slate of officers to the membership for a vote

President: Muriel Taylor (one year term)
Vice President: Chuck Fish (one year term)
Secretary: Sara Ryan (one year term)
Director: Jody Normandeau (three year term)
Director: John Pinkney (three year term)
Unexpired terms:

Ruth clarified that the treasurer was not being voted on at this time because that term has not expired.

Ruth Barton moved that the secretary cast one vote for the slate

Other business: There was discussion concerning the notification of quarterly meetings.

Close Business Meeting Ruth Barton moved that the meeting be adjourned. By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Ryan
Secretary

The meeting was followed by a program: **Memories of Dummerston's Ponds, Streams and Rivers**