

Milo Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2015

The Milo Historical Society met for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7 PM at the museum. The meeting was called to order by President, Gwen Bradeen. Minutes from the previous meeting (September 17) were read by Secretary, Allen Monroe followed by the Treasurer's report, by Paul Bradeen. The Curator's report was given by Joan Henderson. She reported that it had been a busy and productive summer and that it was anticipated that she and Virgil Valente will be able to accomplish additional work well into the fall season. The meeting was opened to discussion of old business and new business with the following discussed:

Old Business:

1. Update on museum paint job by Joe McSwain: Paul Bradeen reported that Mr. McSwain had come and completed the agreed upon remedy to the failed paint job on the museum's lower section. Mr. McSwain's crew scraped and painted the four sides of the the lower third of the building with one coat of paint. Although the job was not to the standard that we would like to have seen, it was the best that could be expected under the circumstances.
2. Past Perfect Installation: We are waiting for Schuyler Horton to be available to perform the installation of the upgrade. It is hoped that he will be able to do it in the next few weeks.
3. Heat Pump Installation: The heat pump has been installed and operating.. It is anticipated that it will be helpful in allowing for an extended period of work time into the fall and early spring season.

New Business:

1. Paul Bradeen brought to our attention an air cleaning system that might be useful for the museum. It is called the Wave Home Solutions and has been advertised on the radio and on the internet. He discussed the system with Allen Monroe, who did some investigation online and reported mixed reviews. It was agreed that we might well want to explore the options for an air purification system but it will need further research.
2. Paul made a suggestion for consideration of a future public program. He previously had been contacted by a fellow from the Lost Trotting Parks Heritage Center. The gentleman was doing research on area trotting parks and was looking for information on the one located in Milo. The facility was located on outer Park Street. The museum has photos of the grandstand, schedules, and other information regarding the park. It is reported that the outline of the track is still visible when viewed from the air. It was suggested that if the gentleman from the center was willing to do a program, we should plan to invite him to do a presentation in the spring of 2016, possibly for our April 21st. meeting. We could have our business meeting the previous week, April 14th. Paul will contact the center and report back.



3. It was suggested that the society should once again give Mary Lynn Kazyaka a \$25 gas gift card as a thank you for her volunteer service in keeping the lawn of the museum mowed throughout the summer. Allen Monroe will take care of this.
4. Paul Bradeen spoke of a display that he had recently seen at the Cole Transportation Museum that he felt might be something for our museum to consider. It was a mounted collage display of photos on panels with plexiglass covering. He suggested that it would be a great way to display and show a selection of our vast photo collection. All in attendance agreed that the idea will need to be further explored.
5. Allen Monroe suggested that another topic for a public program to consider might be the gentleman, Don Perkins, who wrote a book on Maine barns and included a number of barns located in Milo. Allen will make contact with Mr. Perkins to see about the possibility of him doing a program.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Monroe
Milo Historical Society Secretary