

Groton Historical Society
Meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
Peter Paul House

Present: President Deborah Jurist, Vice-President Brent Smith, Treasurer Susan Pelkey Smith, Recording Secretary Phyllis Burke, Allen Goodine, Dave Spencer

Deborah called the meeting to order at 4:00. This is a meeting to plan our open house for Fall Foliage Day, October 2nd.

1. **Pictures from our puzzles.** We need to take stock of the supply of pictures and frames on hand. We need to frame at least 14 today, to fill orders received at the Lake Groton Association annual meeting on Sept. 4th. Our lake resident members – Susan, Allen, and Dave – can distribute the ordered pictures.
2. **Sandwich board sign.** The sign needs to be updated with new information, i.e., open house on October 2nd, with slide presentation at 11:00 a.m.
3. **Slide presentation.** Dave will do his one-hour slide presentation on Groton Pond history at 11:00. Kingdom Access TV has agreed to record the presentation. They will give us a DVD of their recording, and will post it on their website. Dave can link it to the Groton Historical Society and Lake Groton websites.
4. **Selling area.** The kitchen makes the best selling area inside the house, with the top of the woodstove as additional display space. If the weather is fine, we might consider setting up a table outside for selling. A couple of members offered folding tables.
In addition to our books, puzzles, framed pictures, and map for sale, we have extra things that can be given away, with a donation suggested: town reports, high school yearbooks, Groton Times newspapers, and GHS newsletters.
5. **Hours, staffing and seating.** Even though Fall Foliage advertising lists 9:00 as opening time for the Peter Paul House, official opening will be from 10:00 to 4:00. When the parade starts at 1:30 we will close the doors so we can have lunch and a break. We'll bring our own lunches. Allen and Dave will be at the house by 9:00 in case people start coming then. We will ask people to wear masks. Allen will bring a box of masks for those who don't have one.

Deborah and Susan will take care of selling. The dining room was re-arranged to accommodate traffic, and better seating for visiting. Special attention was given to providing comfortable seating for Willard Benzie, our honored senior member and newsletter editor, who will be visiting from his home in Minnesota.

6. **Bathing suit display.** Nan McHugo has graciously offered to loan her bathing suit collection again, and Phyllis will set up and preside over the display in the front parlor.

The meeting then turned into a work session: Deborah, Susan, and Brent framed the pictures, Dave updated the sandwich board sign, the men moved chairs and set up the shed for the film presentation, Phyllis did a little cleaning. Everything was done by 5:30!

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Burke