

SAVE OUR GALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
MAY 29, 2008

Present: Diane Marden (Chairman), Helen Corriveau (Vice Chair), Bradley Corriveau, and Kenneth Knowlton.

**Opening Discussions**

Diane Marden called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Removal from BHS**

Ms. Marden explained to those present that the Belmont Historical Society currently has too much on its plate trying to restore the Province Road Meeting House to be involved with the Gale School Project. Ms. Marden stated they would like the SOGS Committee to become its own 501 C 3 non-profit organization. Ms. Marden stated she has obtained the status along with a new tax id number, and will need to go to Franklin Savings Bank to change from the Historical Societies tax id number to the SOGS new tax id number. Ms. Marden asked members how they felt about changing the Treasurer as well, in order to cut all ties with the Historical Society. She explained currently Jane McLetchie is the SOG Committee's treasurer, but that she is also the Historical Societies treasure. Ken Knowlton stated that would be fine with him. Ms. Marden explained she had asked Brenda Paquette if she would assume the position of treasurer and she had accepted. All those present agreed. Ms. Marden stated she would contact the bank in order to arrange for Ms. Paquette to be added to the bank account, and that she at the same time would change the tax id.

**Moving the Gale School**

Ms. Marden explained at the previous meeting the school district discussed moving the building to the Concord Street location. They too felt the SOGS Committee would do better as a separate entity, and should obtain an accountant, as well as a lawyer to oversee possible upcoming transactions. Ken Knowlton suggested contacting Al Nix for his legal input. Those present agreed to allow Mr. Knowlton to contact Mr. Nix regarding his representation of the Committee. Mr. Knowlton stated the committee should have the school district mark out the exact location on the site so the committee can obtain donations of excavation and a foundation for the building. Members present stated the school should be responsible for their bus loop, and has in the past stated they would put the cost of demolition forward when moving the structure. Ms. Marden stated she would talk to David Morse who would possibly oversee any of the accounting issues the committee could be faced with at some point in the process. No additional decisions were made for there was a lack of members present at this meeting.

## Fundraising Activities

Chairman Marden explained the Belmont Historical Society was unable to come up with volunteers to run its Historical Trolley Tour this year. Ms. Marden explained she could do the necessary work to get the project rolling, but was unable to be present from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the day of the event. Ms. Marden stated the Historical Society did give their permission to her to allow the Gale School Committee to raise the anticipate \$1,500 + that the Old Home Day event collects annually. Ms. Marden stated if there are no interested volunteers at the SOGS Committee level, then she would like to turn it over to the American Legion Post #58. Helen and Brad Corriveau volunteered to be at the event, and stated they could share the time with other interested parties. Ms. Marden stated she would forward the information via email to both the Corriveau's and Mr. Knowlton to familiarize themselves with the event. All present agreed to not use any of the sponsors working with the Old Home Day Booklet, or those who sponsored the Trolley last year as they will get a customary letter inviting them back. Helen Corriveau, Bradley Corriveau, and Ken Knowlton will seek new sponsors for the Trolley event. Diane Marden will send out letters to last years sponsors, correct the written materials reflecting SOGS Committee information, and obtain the girl scout who narrates the tours. Ms. Marden will also send the route to the Police Department as done in the past.

Ms. Marden stated this event is of great interest to the young and old at heart, is practically the only thing free at the Old Home Day events, and does not only inspire memories, but educates the public. Ms. Marden stated usually Wallace Rhodes puts signs in place for those wishing to walk the route, and she stated she would see if he could do the same again this year.

Bradley Corriveau suggested getting more T-Shirts made up to sell at the event as well. Mr. Corriveau suggested doing something that could have Belmont NH on the T-shirt with a picture of the Gale School instead of a statement like SAVE OUR GALE SCHOOL. Mr. Corriveau explained more people may purchase the T-Shirt as a souvenir of their visit to Belmont rather than for the specific purpose of saving the building. Chairman Marden thought that was a great idea, and stated she would look into getting some made up using the painting images that the committee had raffled off last year.

Ms. Marden stated there has also been comments made that additional signs should be made up and placed in Canterbury. Ms. Marden explained Canterbury is part of this school district, and it is important to get them on board as well. Ms. Marden stated she would also look into making additional signs. Helen Corriveau stated she had met with the Canterbury Historical Society, and could possibly ask them to strategically place the signs once made.

Ms. Marden stated she has the paper work for the Games of Chance for the Belmont Lodge, but because of the issue surrounding the Tax ID number was unable to continue with the process last year.

### *Fundraising Activities Continued*

Ms. Marden stated now that the issue has resolved itself she will continue the process of getting into the Games of Chance at the Lodge for a fund-raiser during the winter months. Members present agreed.

### **Adjournment**

Members present felt that not enough members were present at this meeting to make any additional plans regarding fundraising or moving the Gale School to the Concord Street site. The chairman stated once she had the bank account information completed she would call another meeting, the chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.