

## **Phippsburg Historic Preservation Commission**

**October 14, 2024**

**Present:** Merry Chapin, Erika Cramer, Charlotte Moore, Judy Mullins, Richard Spear, Helen Webb

**Minutes** accepted as sent.

**Calendar:** We need 5 more names for the 2025 calendar. Over \$1100 has been raised from the calendar sales this year and we are almost out of calendars.

**Proposed plan to present to the Phippsburg Historical Society:** The Commission has about \$11,000 on account that can be used for endowment for the Fishermen's House. The major project left for the Commission to do to complete the project is the audio-visual part. We can leave that until later. One question is who has the insurance on the building at present? Is it the Society or is it the Town? We should buy a small heater for the Fishermen's House for winter. The Commission proposal to present to the Society is the following. A record of routine expenses incurred in operating the Fishermen's House for one year will be kept. Those costs will be multiplied by 20 (the number of years that museum standards say is the number of years an exhibit, in this case the Fishermen's House, is considered for display). Of course in this case, the Society would keep the exhibit for a much longer time period. The 20 year projected costs would be used to calculate a realistic amount needed for the endowment.

**Percy Cottage:** the state preservation office has no knowledge of the Percy cottage. The head of State Parks and Lands has sent a letter to Helen about their thoughts. (See attached.) The plan is to build a new house to replace the Percy cottage which the state wishes to demolish. A question to be asked: is the state planning to use federal funds in this project? The architect for the Percy cottage might be the same person who designed the Popham Library. It was a Stevens who was the architect. Bowdoin has a book by Earle Shettleworth on John Calvin Stevens who might have been the architect. Helen and Erika had a conversation with Dr. Percy's great niece about the Percy cottage. Dr. Percy was a homeopathic physician who was a Salem, Massachusetts resident.

**Parker Head Parrott house:** Mr. Parrott is considering demolition of his house in Parker Head.

**At the next meeting we will have a discussion on historic plaques.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Merry Chapin, Commission secretary**