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Dear Members and Friends,

Here it is October already and we are only just now getting off a newsletter and a reminder that it dues paying time, to you ! ! We have attached a form you can either email, mail or drop by some Wednesday morning!

Early Fall Events: We were very busy over the summer planning our 3rd annual auction, held on September 15th at the old Town Hall. We had an amazing collection of items to auction off but of course, not everything sold, so on September 29th we held an indoor yard sale. On the Saturday in-between those two events, we shared a table with the Friends of the Bedford Cemeteries.

General Meeting 2018: On September 19th we held our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. The meeting was held at the library and the new slate of officers (see below) were sworn in:

Beverly Thomas and Gwen Broder -Co-Presidents

Ellen Muller - Vice President

Margaret Goodrich - Secretary

Rebecca Acorn - Treasurer

Directors - Joyce Kasiaras, Franki Sidore and Susan Tufts-Moore

Past President - Margaret Wiggin

There was also an excellent speaker for the evening, Paul Wainwright from the NH Humanities Council, who shared with us his beautiful photographs of some of the lovely old meetinghouses throughout New England, including our own lovely

Town Hall.

Schoolhouse #7 & Kendall Shop Museum Update: In other, not quite so happy, news, we have a serious problem with our buildings. When we had our yearly furnace inspections last spring, both the furnace in the Schoolhouse and the Kendall Shop Museum were declared unsafe and did not pass inspection, and neither can be repaired. Oh dear!

Over the summer, members, Greg Zimmermann and Ralph Sidore, put in many hours researching replacement systems and getting estimates from various vendors. After a very thorough investigation, they have recommended that we go forward with Rick Wenzel (who has been our oil provider for the past several years). Rick has made a reasonable offer for replacing both units.

Unfortunately, the current state of our finances is such that we need to raise approximately \$8000.00 to replace both units, or \$4000.00 to replace the Schoolhouse unit this year and then work on raising the additional funds for the museum unit next year. To that end we are asking you, our members and friends, to make a **one-time donation of \$50.00** (or more, if you can!) by October 31st to help us turn the heat back on so we can continue our work at Schoolhouse #7 keep the Museum open. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

In the meantime – here are few other events that we have on our calendars:

Clothing Drive: Beginning this week and continuing until October 22nd we are once again participating in a clothing drive, co-sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of New England. The trailer is ready and waiting in front of the Stevens-Buswell building for your lightly used clothing, shoes, and accessories (purses, bags, outer wear), as well as home goods (towels, sheets, curtains etc.). The trailer is open so just swing by and toss in your bags!

Stevens-Buswell Open House: Have you been wondering what is going on with the Stevens-Buswell Community Center Project? Well, join us **on Sunday afternoon, October 14th** between 2PM and 4PM for a close up look at what has been going on! The floors have just recently been refinished on the main floor and are really beautiful! For more information, please call or email.

Halloween Fun! On October 27th get ready for some spooky fun with a touch of history. We are collaborating with the Friends of the Bedford Cemeteries for **“Ghost Whispers from the Past”**, paranormal tours of the Bedford Center Cemetery. Led by nationally known investigators Erik Knapp and Kyle Palmer, who are generously donating their time and equipment, this event features three separately ticketed tours. The first, beginning at 2PM is “Family Friendly”, intended for kids 12 and under and will focus on history with “not-too-spooky” tales, followed by season appropriate snacks. Two adult tours/ghost hunts are available, one at 4PM and another at 7PM, each followed by light refreshments. **Tickets are only available on-line and space is limited.** Proceeds will benefit the efforts of both the Friends of the Bedford Cemeteries and the Historical Society. For further information and ticket purchases, please see Friends of Bedford Cemeteries website: www.friendsofbedfordcemeteries.org.

We hope to see many of you at all or some of these upcoming events! And, as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us! We love hearing from you!

Margaret Goodrich, Secretary
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