

Minutes - Initial Meeting of Inlet Historical Society

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 - Inlet Town Hall - 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Letty Haynes, Historian; Gail Murray, Town of Webb Historical Association Director; Adele Burnett, Mitch Lee, Mindy Fredette Allen, Dave Scranton, Craig Woods, Sally Woods, Virginia Germer, Elizabeth Droz, Bruce O'Hara, Margaret O'Hara.

Mitch led the discussion, and Margie O'Hara took notes. The meeting brought up many issues which need to be addressed in the formation of the historical society. The first issue, of course, is whether the group feels they wish to pursue the establishment of the organization.

The overwhelming consensus was that this is a worthwhile and important project. The following is a list of topics which came up and which will be researched prior to the next meeting:

How do we obtain a charter? Although Dave Scranton had investigated the procedure to be followed, that information is now several years old and needs to be readdressed. He did know for sure that the NYS Department of Education would be the originator of our group's charter. We also need to be a functioning organization with officers which holds at least quarterly meetings for two years in order to qualify for charter application.

A name for the organization

A mission statement

Will the organization offer memberships? Conduct fundraisers?

How many board members should we have? 5-12?

How do we apply for 501(c)(3) status? Do we want to? It would probably encourage donations..?

Will we need insurance? How much? Liability?

Decide on short range and long range goals

Chicken or egg? Building or organization?

Some things became clear during the discussion:

A place must be found to store the documents and artifacts already in our collection.

Materials need to be inventoried and numbered.

Gail suggested that we try not to turn down any offerings.

By next meeting, we need to have a slate of officers: Mitch will deal with this.

A board of directors needs to be established.

Someone needs to go online to find out exactly what is required of us to obtain a charter. Mindy will do this.

We need to look at the by-laws of other historical groups. Gail will bring the Webb by-laws to the next meeting.

Virginia asked Mitch if he would chair the group until we have a set of officers in place, and he agreed to be interim director. The next meeting date was set for May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, with the possibility of making a regular meeting date of the 4th Tuesday every other month or quarterly.

Dave Scranton offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bruce O'Hara and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret O'Hara, Acting Secretary