

**Bristol Historical and Preservation Society**  
48 Court Street  
83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting  
**Monday, April 29, 2019**

**Meeting** was called to order at 7:02pm by Vice President Dory Skemp

**Welcome** The meeting started with a warm welcome from Vice President Skemp

**Minutes** of the Annual Meeting of April 30, 2018, were distributed. A motion was made by Eric Hertfelder, seconded by Dan Manchester, to accept the minutes and approved by all.

**Executive Director's Report:** (copy of the Executive Director's report attached). Executive Director Catherine Zipf discussed the past year's programs and thanked Vice President Skemp for all her efforts. She spoke of several grants received by the society this past year, including a State Preservation Grant, a grant from the American Alliance of Museums, and a RI Foundation grant for processing the Norris Collection. She thanked Rei Battcher and Lisa DeCesare for their hard work on the collections and Battcher and Clara Read for their work on the KIDS newsletter and plaque research. The Annual Appeal brought in approximately \$10,000. Zipf also thanked former board members Derry Riding (former President) and Claire Benson for all their years of work at the Society. They will be missed.

**Membership Report:** (copy of report attached). The BH&PS currently has 247 memberships.

**Curator/Librarian Report:** (copy of report attached). Executive Director Zipf presented curator Lisa DeCesare's report, which outlines the collections and acquisitions of the past year.

**Building Committee Report:** Executive Director Zipf reviewed the building projects undertaken during the last year, including the repointing of the masonry at the jail, restoration of the jail block windows, and the rehabilitation of the storm windows.

**Necrology:** Respects and a Moment of Silence were given for the following Society members who died during the past year (April 2018-April 2019): Edward Gordon and Giles Bruneaux.

**Nominating Committee Report:** (copy of report attached). Dory Skemp presented the Nomination Committee slate for the coming year (copy attached). Skemp noted that two members, Claire Benson and Derry Riding, have retired and will be tremendously missed. She entertained a motion to accept the slate of officers submitted by Joan Prescott and the Nominating Committee. A motion to accept was made by Manchester, seconded by Ray Payson, and accepted by all. Incoming President Margaret Caton thanked the committee for all their hard work. She also thanked Juan Mariscal, former president, for the great service he gave to the Society this past year. She also thanked Dory Skemp for a job well done regarding programming at the Society for the last year.

**Budget Committee Report:** The Budget Committee Report was presented by Cliff Morey. A motion to accept was made by Scott McDowell, seconded by Bob Arruda, and accepted by all.

**New Business:** The amended by-laws were presented for approval. A motion to approve the new bylaws was made by D. Manchester, seconded by Patsy Sanford, and approved by all. Incoming President Margaret Caton invited members to the upcoming Flea and Fair on June 8, from 9-3pm. Vendor space is still available and volunteers are needed. Donations are also welcome. The House tour will take place on September 21. Volunteers are also needed for that event.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm by a motion made by Cliff Morey and seconded by Dan Manchester. This year's annual meeting speaker was Dr. Kathy Abbass, who gave a talk entitled "The Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project and the Search for Captain Cook's Endeavour Bark".