

Midcoast Monthly Meeting
Minutes 18 November, 2018

Clerk Guy Marsden opened the meeting with ten Friends present with a reading and a period of silent worship. **Minutes** of the October Meeting for Business were approved.

After brief discussion the practice of having a wider array of Friends serve as **greeter** and meeting closer was approved.

Pastoral Care. Friends were reminded that the next worship session with **Claire Darrow** will be held at the Highlands in Topsham on December 5th at 10 a.m. **George Chappell** has suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized at Pen Bay. Friends expressed a loving concern for his wellbeing.

Meeting House and Grounds. Guy Marsden described an **energy audit** on the meeting house that he helped to carry out. A **full report** was in hand. Guy has worked on some of the recommended modifications – e.g. insulating hot water pipes in the basement. The building is already "tight." The review will provide a base line or "carbon footprint" against which to measure future improvements.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting will gather at Midcoast Meeting House on February 2nd. After discussion of necessary preparations and possible programs to offer a committee of three volunteered to work on the event: Sue Rockwood, Andy Burt, and Guy Marsden.

Midcoast Outreach and Peace Center. Sue Rockwood reported on recent and coming events. Lisa Steele-Maley's new book on her father's last days will be the topic for a presentation to be decided--e.g. possibly at Quarterly Meeting. Jean Harris' art work was returned to River Arts after her recent Memorial Service. Eighteen participants took part in a Non-Violent Training session. Wabanaki Reach will hold another training at the meeting house on December 8th. Bruce Rockwood mentioned a three-part series focused on Climate and Energy Policy at the Damariscotta Library on November 29th, December 11th, and January 17th.

Finance. Patty Seybold and Bruce Rockwood presented the current monthly report on the meeting budget. Bruce has set up a Savings Account in parallel with our Checking Account. At present the Savings Account has \$5,800, the Checking Account has \$19,485 in budget resources, and the meeting holds a C.D. in the amount of \$15,214.

Jim Matlack reported on current issues related to Maine Indians and tribal/state relations on the basis of taking part in two gatherings focused on Wabanaki affairs on Saturday: the Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy and the Episcopal Committee on Indian Relations. The outcome of the recent election provides a more promising context in which to work on concerns of the tribal peoples in Maine.