

# Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



## MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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### December

Sunday	December 1	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Wed.	December 4	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Sunday	December 8	Rise of Meeting	*White Elephant Sale
Sunday	December 15	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business (may possibly be canceled)
Wed.	December 18	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change (may possibly be canceled)

### January 2014

Sunday	January 5	10-11 a.m.	Annual Candlelight Meeting for Worship
		Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Wed.	January 8	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change
Sunday	January 19	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business
Wed.	January 23	9:30-11:30 a.m.	The Challenge of Change

For New, Revised, and Updated Calendar Items, please see our online calendar at:  
<http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/calendar.htm>

\*Look inside for more information regarding these items.

~Calendar events are held at the meetinghouse, unless otherwise noted.~

Sunday Meeting for Worship is at the meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta, 10:00 a.m.  
Meetinghouse phone: 207-563-3757.

Directions: Take US Route 1 to Damariscotta and turn onto Belvedere Rd. (left if coming from the south, right if coming from the north—Miles Home Health Care building on the corner). The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 mile from the corner.

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[www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org)

## MINUTES—MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS—November 17, 2013

Co-Clerk David Cadbury opened the Business meeting with a period of silence in memory of Peter Haviland

Minutes of the October Business Meeting minutes were approved

### **Committee Reports:**

Pat Spock announced that the new Meeting Directory is nearly completed.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting: Carmen Lavertu announced that Midcoast Friends will be hosting the next Quarterly Meeting, in February. Carmen will work with Ministry & Counsel committee of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting to coordinate the February meeting. David Cadbury and Bruce Rockwood will attempt to secure a speaker from the Restorative Justice Program for the afternoon program.

Carmen requested that the Ministry & Counsel prepare a draft memorial minute for Pete Haviland to present at next month's Business Meeting and to send to Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.

Karen Cadbury announced that at the November Quarterly meeting, an program about the Truth & Reconciliation process for Maine's Native-American community was presented.

Finance Committee: Martin Imm asked for approval for changing banks from Key Bank to the First N.A. The Meeting approved this request. Martin reported that the Finance Committee is planning to make quarterly rather than monthly reports to Meeting for Business in the future. Since the role of assistant treasurer is not formally recognized in the Meeting's list of committee positions the Meeting moved to create the position in recognition of the work being done for the Finance Committee, in that role, by Martin Imm

Ministry & Counsel: Mallory Waldman presented a slate of self-selected officers and committee members for 2014. The list was approved and will be published in the Meeting Newsletter.

Meetinghouse & Grounds: Bill Hallett reported on efforts to anticipate future expenses for upkeep of the meetinghouse and a concern was brought forward by the committee to consider setting up a maintenance fund for future building repairs. Meetinghouse & Grounds will prepare cost estimates for possible future expenses and the Finance Committee will consider ways to address this issue. Meetinghouse & Grounds was also asked to research hiring a gardener for seasonal clean up, repair and upgrade the sign at the entrance to the parking lot, and price a new rug for the social-room floor to prevent damage from the chairs.

Outreach: Karen Cadbury reported on a \$3,000 grant received from the Obadiah Brown Fund for the Meeting's outreach program She also presented the proposed operating budget including the salary for a part-time coordinator. The Outreach Committee also presented a draft rental contract. Current renters would be "grandfathered in" at the old rates. Karen requested approval for merging The Peace Center & Outreach Committees because the same people were on both and it was redundant to have two committees working on same goals. Discussion followed and the issue will be revisited at the next Business Meeting.

Guy Marsden was applauded for the work he does on Meetinghouse & Grounds and Communications Committee.

**New Business:** There will be a memorial service for Peter Haviland at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 23. Deb Haviland's Clearness Committee—Carmen Lavertu, Jean Crawford, Steve Gorry and Robb Patterson—will coordinate details. Bill Hallett and Mallory and George Waldman will clean up the gardens prior to the memorial service.

No further business coming before the Meeting, it was adjourned following moments of silence. The next Business Meeting will be December 21. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch. All past minutes are available at [www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org) and the meetinghouse bulletin board.

Respectfully submitted, David Cadbury, Clerk; Mallory Waldron, Recording

## QUERIES

**Home & Family**—Do you make your home a place of friendliness, refreshment, and peace, where God becomes more real to those who live there and to all who visit there? Is worship a daily part of your personal and family life? Do you recognize marriage as a sacred, loving, and permanent relationship requiring mutual consideration and adjustments? Should conflict or crisis threaten the stability of the home, are you open to seeking all necessary help, both from your meeting and from the larger community?

### Officers, Committees, Representatives 2014

#### OFFICERS:

Clerks: David Cadbury, Suzy Hallett  
Recording Clerk: Jim Matlack  
Treasurer: Deb Haviland  
Assistant Treasurer: Martin Imm  
Statistical Recorder: Diane Kirkman  
Archivist: Pat Spock

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO:

CHIP: Nancy Booth, Rachel McGinness  
Ecumenical Food Pantry: Wendell Stephenson  
Quarterly Meeting: Carmen Lavertu  
Maine Counsel of Churches: Andy Burt  
Finance Committee: Bruce Rockwood, Martin Imm  
NEYM: Volunteers will be asked when representation is needed at New England Yearly Meeting for NEYM M & C Committee, Peace & social Concerns, China Camp

#### COMMITTEES:

##### Ministry & Counsel:

Brewster Grace  
Jean Crawford  
George Chappell  
Sue Rockwood  
Karen Cadbury  
Suzy Hallett

##### Pastoral Care:

Carmen Lavertu  
Jean Crawford  
Judith Imm  
Linda Murray  
Willow Roundtree

##### Peace Center Steering Committee:

Brewster Grace  
Karen Cadbury  
Jim Matlack  
Andy Burt  
Carmen Lavertu  
Sue Rockwood  
Rowan Roundtree

#### Finance:

Bill Spock  
Bruce Rockwood

#### Communications: Directory, Mailing, E-Mail Chain:

Directory: Pat Spock  
Newsletter: Diane Kirkman  
E-Mail Chain: Guy Marsden  
Web Site: Guy Marsden  
Newsletter Circulation/Mailing: Sally Tukey  
Mailing Labels: Diane Kirkman

#### Meetinghouse & Grounds:

Bill Hallett  
Guy Marsden  
Linda Murray  
Beedy Parker  
Patty Seybold

#### Hospitality:

Suzy Hallett  
Sue Rockwood  
Rachel McGinness  
Beedy Parker

#### Archives:

Deb Haviland  
Willow Roundtree  
Polly Ulin

#### Library:

Sally Tukey  
Willow Roundtree  
Judith Imm  
Rachel McGinness

## GOODBYE, DEAR FRIEND



Peter Robbins Haviland, 83, died peacefully Friday night, Nov. 15, at his home in Rockland. His loving wife Deborah was at his side, comforted by immediate family.

Pete was born to Frances and Harris Haviland Sept. 6, 1930, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended Friends Select School in Philadelphia and went on to receive a bachelor's degree in English from Haverford College in 1952. Peter married Deborah Wisner Phillips in 1954, settling in Summit, N.J., to raise four children before relocating to Maine in 1987.

Pete earned a master's degree in Hospital Administration in 1957, following alternative service in a hospital as a Conscientious Objector during the Korean War. He worked for many years at United Hospitals in Newark, N.J., eventually overseeing operations as executive director. In 1977, Pete changed careers and became co-owner of a carpentry and home repair business. Pete enjoyed working with his hands and using his uniquely creative talents as a craftsman, engineer, and builder – first to earn a living, then to renovate an old farmhouse on the coast in Cushing, where he and Deb enjoyed their retirement.

The Religious Society of Friends was a cornerstone in Pete's life. A pacifist and humanitarian whose Quaker roots guided his approach to life, he was involved with his local Meeting in both New Jersey and Maine, serving as clerk and treasurer, chairing committees and providing counsel as a respected elder. At the community level, Pete served 10 years on the local school board and was a selectman in the town of Cushing. Throughout his life he made his voice heard about social and political issues that concerned him, participating in peaceful demonstrations for anti-war and human rights causes.

Pete appreciated the natural world and loved to spend time on the water. He was a skilled outdoorsman and sailor, and enjoyed outings on his 22-foot yawl, Curlew – preferably with friends and family, and often with his son-in-law Nathan. In earlier years, Pete and Deb enjoyed taking the family on vacations to hike, canoe, and ski, always sharing his passion for the beauty he found in nature.

Pete's love of words and language was a trademark. He delighted in discussing a favorite writer or book – often reading passages aloud – eliciting input on a Sunday Times puzzle, or delivering a play on words with a twinkle in his eye. He was a keen observer of human nature, and exerted a quiet influence on those who knew him.

Pete is survived by his sister Lydia Winkler of Golden, Colo.; his beloved wife Deborah; his four children and their spouses, Rebecca and Nathan Dinces of Cushing, Sarah Haviland and Jonathan Blunk of Crompond, N.Y., Andrew and Holly Haviland of White Mountain, Alaska, and Matt and Lynn Haviland of Nyack, N.Y.; and his seven grandchildren: Anna, Jacob, Denise, Rebecca, Kayla, Graham and Emma.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care & Hospice of Rockland, ME (170 Pleasant St., Rockland, ME 04841 ) or the American Friends Service Committee (1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102). The family would like to thank all of the caregivers and personnel at Kno-Wal-Lin for the many months of loving care that they provided to Pete and Deb.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will take place at the Friends Meeting House at 77 Belvedere Road, Damariscotta, Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m.

## NEYM REPORT

### Andy Burt

Thanks to the generosity of Midcoast Friends Meeting, I was able to attend the first half of New England Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions in August at Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island. The theme this year was “Live up to the Light thou hast...and more will be granted thee” from Caroline Fox’s journal. I was particularly interested in going this year to connect with Young Adult Friends and others working on climate-justice issues and to gather stories and ideas that might be incorporated into the intergenerational environmental-justice project I am developing with some support of the Quaker philanthropy the Lyman Fund.

What follow are some highlights from the three days I attended. Complete minutes from the 2013 NEYM Annual Sessions can be found at <http://www.neym.org/minutes/>. I encourage all Friends to read them.

I arrived just in time for Sunday’s afternoon plenary featuring Bill Harley, a professional storyteller and musician from Providence Monthly Meeting, who shared his thoughts about the importance of stories to change the world. Stories provide order and meaning to events, he said.. We choose how to tell stories and how to hear stories, whether it’s the glass half-empty or half-full. Bill believes that stories let us hear things we don’t want to hear, and by listening to each other we will change how we see the world. Others’ stories may make us feel uncomfortable or uncertain, but through the willingness to face discomfort or uncertainty, we can find ourselves and each other. Paradox is at the heart of life, he noted. Bill regaled us with several personal stories that brought laughter and tears to the attentive gathering.

The plenary session set the tone for me for the time I spent in Meeting for Worship for Business, with an “anchor group” for personal reflection and sharing, and exploring several topics, such as Divestment and Tar Sands civil disobedience, in evening interest groups. Every experience, including mealtime conversations, was carried out in a spirit of reverence and deep listening that pervaded the sessions. NEYM is facing several challenges/uncertainties, and New England Friends labored with many complex concerns with prayerful attention.

The following are some of the concerns raised and threshed during the Sessions. For more details I encourage Friends to read the minutes online or as a pdf document, soon to be available.

1. The Committee on Racial, Social and Economic Justice called New England Friends to participate in a journey of healing as we listen to indigenous peoples whose lands we occupy. The committee has been working with Native American leaders to create workshops on the Doctrine of Discovery, a document used by early European explorers to dominate, exploit, murder and steal the lands of non-Christians. The doctrine continues to have the force of law globally and serves as a framework for oppression in US Federal Indian law today. Friends approved the minute to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery while recognizing there is much to do to make amends for our failure to see the Light in all people. (I have been very aware in my recent journeys for climate justice that there is a healing and coming together with many environmental activists and Native American/First Nations peoples as we work towards common goals of restoring the sacred Earth and her inhabitants for future generations. This paradigm shift gives me great hope!)
2. Friends approved continuing the Minute to Finance FUM (Friends United Meeting) whereby individual Monthly Meetings that are troubled by some FUM practices may withhold the portion of their contribution to NEYM that would be passed on to FUM. A fund will be established to which individual Friends may contribute to assure that the full budgeted amount goes from NEYM to FUM.
3. Friends approved the final budget for 2014. The Legacy Gift Discernment Committee is charged with listening to Yearly Meeting members to understand how to most effectively use the proceeds from the sale of the Friends Home to support NEYM work. The Structural Review Committee is discerning today’s vision for NEYM Friends. Our own Holly Baldwin, now a member of Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting, clerks the Permanent Board of NEYM, which oversees these two ad-hoc committees.

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One of the most inspiring reports that spoke to me was given by Friends Camp director, Nat Shed. Nat shared a story about how games are used to help build bridges between young people, especially at the vulnerable tweens/teens ages, and to open them up to their authentic selves, their similarities and differences. He also described an exciting project that the Camp is piloting to bring together children of incarcerated parents and give them a meaningful camp experience. The camp hopes to expand this ministry and to recruit and train other Maine camps to offer similar programs. This initiative complements restorative-justice projects that are just being seeded in our local community.

I have placed information on the credenza about NEYM finances and a development campaign to encourage additional gifts that support a growing ministry that is bringing many young people to Friends. Thanks to my wonderful experience at Sessions last summer, I am eager to become more involved with NEYM in the future.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER YEARS AGO

Cost-conscious shoppers and gourmet cooks might be interested in and amazed by this 95-year-old note found among old family papers.

#### Our Christmas Dinner in 1918

Thirteen at table, dinner cooked and served by Olive Robbins Haviland



### THE QUAKER MOTTO CALENDAR--A GIFT FROM THE HAVILANDS

For many years, the Havilands have enjoyed giving family and friends the Quaker Motto Calendar at Christmas. Once again they wish to give this gift to all members and attenders of Midcoast Meeting. Calendars will be on the credenza in early December. Please take one and enjoy it. It comes with love and wishes for a peaceful and joyous 2014.

Turkey	\$6.66
Oysters	.75
Potatoes	.15
Sweet potatoes	.40
Corn	.40
Celery	.40
Onions	.18
Cranberries	.36
Oranges	.35
Grapes, etc	.30
Pies	.50
Coffee and cream	.28
Nuts	.40
Milk	.15
Sugar	.15
Seasoning	.20
Placecards	.20
Coal for stove	.50
Total	\$12.33

Olive Robbins Haviland was the grandmother of Peter Robbins Haviland and grew up on a dairy farm in East Winthrop, Maine. She taught at Guilford College in North Carolina, where she met Walter Winchip Haviland, a Quaker from New York. They settled in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. Walter was the Headmaster of Friends Select School in Philadelphia, and Olive was editor of *The Friend*, an orthodox Quaker magazine.

## INVITATION TO JOIN AN ENERGY COOPERATIVE from Carmen Lavertu

One of the outcomes of last spring's "Challenge of Change" dialogue group was the formation of an informal board of directors to work on forming a local energy cooperative. At the moment we include: Paul Kando, Topher Belknap, Betsy Hemingway, Marnie Sinclair, and Winslow Myers. We are slowly moving toward a public presentation of our ideas, we hope early in 2014.

The basic question is: How could a co-op help people finance changes to their houses that would lower their energy bills even while they continued to have to pay these (ever-increasing) bills? We might be able to achieve bulk-buying advantages for both existing fuels (propane and oil) and alternative fuels (pellets, solar, geothermal, etc). We might be able to guarantee loans to co-op members to make energy-saving improvements to their residences. Such co-ops have had extraordinary success in Denmark and Germany, and there is no reason we cannot evolve a model appropriate to local conditions.

Our board is seeking more members. If you are interested, please contact Winslow Myers at 774-239-0954.



### *ADVICES*

**Home & Family**—Let your lives benefit from the power of friendship and the solace of solitude. Rejoice in the beauty of those friendships which grow in depth, understanding, and mutual respect.

Friends are advised to seek divine guidance when considering marriage and to enter marriage with a commitment to cherish each other for life. In marriage, treasure the joys of intimacy, share the sorrows of losses, and mediate differences with patience. Be ready to seek the counsel of your own parents or of other experienced persons as it is needed. Consider together the responsibilities of parenthood.

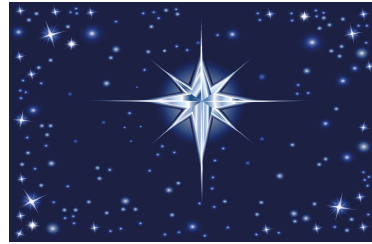
Let us trust in the Light and witness to it in our daily living. We and our families are children of God with a rich accessible record of God's dealings with humanity. In dress, in furnishings, in manners, in diet, and in entertainment, let us choose the simple, the wholesome, and the beautiful. Let us be cooperative and creative in family recreation so that it encourages mutual activity and sharing.

Let us dwell with thankfulness on the blessings and happiness that life has brought us. Friends are advised to try throughout life to discern the appropriate moment to relinquish responsibilities to others. Let us face with courage the approach of old age, both for ourselves and for those dear to us, realizing that even as our outward activity lessens, our seasoned thought and prayer may liberate love and power in others.

Friends are advised to make provision for the settlement of their affairs while in health so that others may not be burdened. Such provision may include maintaining an up-to-date will and discussing with family and doctors our wishes in the event of serious illness or death.

**What came into existence was Life,  
and the Life was Light to live by.  
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;  
the darkness couldn't put it out.**

—John 1:4-5 (the Message)



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