

Albany Improvement Association
October 12, 2008

Secretary's Report – Accepted as read

Treasurer's Report – Accepted as reported. We made over \$1300.00 from the yard sale

Gene asked everyone to introduce themselves as there were some new faces at our meeting.

Old Business –

Don Morin has begun work on the building. He is going to put two beams on the main floor to support the ceiling, which will help support the new beam in the attic. He may also be able to cut the hole for the door for the handicap ramp.

We are going to need to replace several of the tin ceiling panels, as they are rotten. Lorraine is looking into replacement panels.

Mr. Fontaine, who owns property in Albany, has donated a map of Albany. Edith Labby also has some of the history of Albany. Steve Seames, who is archival specialist has information about Albany and is willing to help us in any way he can. Ed Hope has a historical book on the area. Karen Bean has information and artifacts on Waterford Stoneham and Albany.

Our website is being worked on. The web address will be www.AlbanyMaine.org.

The Lions Club is still looking at donating \$500.00 to the Albany Improvement Association.

New Business –

There will be a Spring Historical Event /with presentations of historical interest about Albany. This will be planned over the winter.

Possible grants to look into: Stephen King Grant (usually for libraries), Bingham Foundation, Maine Community Foundation (contact Wendy Penley and Mr. Todd as they have been on the board), Sunday River

USM has a Philanthropy section of their library where you can research grants for a specific purpose.

Sunday River has a new grant, which must be applied for by an employee. This is part of an employee fund.

Tim Kavanaugh has volunteered to create a new sign for the Albany Town House.

Margy Dutil brought some scrapbooks that her mother and grandmother had created with information about Albany.

Fundraising – Norma came up with the idea of holding a warming raffle which could include the watercolor that had been donated (to warm you're your heart) and afghan or quilt (to warm your body) and maybe a heater and any other things that we can acquire. We can sell tickets at the IGA as well as give them to members. At the next meeting the membership should bring items for the raffle.

The Land Trust takes items that they receive and put them on ebay with a reserve.

The next meeting will be on November 16 at 6:00 PM at the Albany Town House.