

Main Street Bucksport Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 4:30pm

In attendance: Ron Russell, John Paul LaLonde, Andy Lacher, Brook Minner, David Doane, Daphne Eyerer, Robin McCarthy, Jenn Fortier (by phone)

1. Review October meeting minutes: Daphne moves to accept October minutes as written, Ron seconds, motion passes.
2. Financial report/ 2019 budget: The current balance in our checking account is \$14,393. Like last year, our reserves will run low until summer. Brook and John Paul presented the proposed 2019 budget. There are no significant changes from 2018. Ron moves to accept 2019 budget as presented, Daphne seconds, motion passes.
3. Director's report: Brook gave updates on the 2019 Bridge the Gap Race, current and future grant planning, and the annual appeal. David suggested we make it a 2019 goal to better capture economic impact for downtown events. Brook and David will work on this and report back at January meeting. We'd like to plan an event for Jonathan Buck's 300th birthday on February 20, 2019. Jenn asked if the elementary school doing anything for Buck birthday and suggested we might coordinate. We could also celebrate his birthday in the summer.
4. Formation of Nomination Committee: John Paul is willing to coordinate committee. Committee will come up with slate of officers each year and will coordinate the proposal of new board members although any Board member can suggest new members at any time. Committee will be composed of three people. David & Ron both offered to serve on this committee will John Paul. They will report back in January.
5. Other new business?
 - a. Wilson Hall: The Board believes that historic preservation is good economic development policy. We have twice offered to write grants on behalf of the town to raise the money needed to put on a new roof and stabilize the bell tower. Brook will send the letter we sent to Council over the summer for Board review and we will send to Council by Thursday.
 - b. Joint Board meeting with Chamber: A few people have suggested we have an annual joint Board meeting with the Chamber to encourage open dialogue, idea sharing, etc. The Chamber meets 3rd Tuesday of the month. Brook will talk with Leslie about this idea. Brook and Leslie have established meeting every other month with dates set through 2019.
 - c. Connecting to new Councilors: When Robin presents our year end report to the Council at this week's meeting, she will extend an invitation to the new Councilors to meet with us and learn more about our work. Brook will follow up.