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The Abbott School
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**CASTINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2016 Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2016**

President Brooke Tenney called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. She opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present and noting that this was the 50th anniversary of the Castine Historical Society. Speaking on behalf of the Finance Committee, Brooke reported that the endowment accounts continue to show solid performance and membership numbers remains strong, with 465 households as members with a total of 725 individual members.

Brooke thanked all those who had put in many hours involved in preparing the summer exhibit, and the House and Garden Tour that drew approximately 1,000 people to enjoy the fantastic houses and fabulous gardens. She also thanked the many volunteers that helped make the 2016 season so successful.

Brooke noted that CHS was awarded the Downeast Acadia Regional Tourism award for marketing and promotion, and last spring received the Maine Governor's Conference award for tourism in the category of originality.

Brooke reported that CHS is engaged in a strategic planning process to focus on the future, which includes making Castine's history more accessible to the community and visitors. She welcomed any thoughts and suggestions on where CHS should put its energy in the next five or ten years.

Brooke asked the three retiring Board Members, Jane Ball, Don Tenney and Doug Benjamin to come forward to be recognized and thanked for their years of service to CHS.

President Tenney then asked for a report from Ruth Scheer, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Ruth, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors:

For a term of three (3) years:

William Buchanan
John Parish
Stefanie Scheer Young

Marcia Mason
James M. Day
Anne Fuentes

The slate was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Brooke then asked the Board Directors present to gather at the front of the meeting room to elect the officers for the following year. Ruth Scheer, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of officers for a term of one (1) year:

President: Brooke Tenney

Secretary: John Parish

Treasurer: Susan Hatch

The slate was seconded as passed unanimously by voice vote.

President Tenney then adjourned the formal session of Annual Meeting at 4:12pm

President Tenney again introduced Ruth Scheer who gave an eloquent introduction to the speaker for the Annual Meeting, friend and neighbor Peter Davis. Peter proceeded to regale the audience with his remarks entitled "Truths, Lies and Consequences of the First Half Century of the Castine Historical Society."

At the conclusion of Peter's remarks, the audience was invited to enjoy beverages and hors d'oeuvres outside on the side lawn.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Parish
Secretary