

PISCATAQUA PIONEERS

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This is an educational, genealogical, historical and patriotic society, whose membership consists of descendants of the original settlers on each side of the Piscataqua River and its tributaries, prior to the Declaration of Independence.

Dear Fellow Piscataqua Pioneers,

I am writing to you in hopes of finding you and your family and friends all well, and only inconvenienced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Council has been in deep discussion over a number of timely issues relating to the pandemic and how our organization will function during this health emergency. We have been in touch with the New Hampshire Center for Non-profits and have learned from them and from the examples of other great organizations on how to move forward in the best interest of our mission and membership through this time.

Consequently, the Council wishes to inform you of the following:

1. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, and the possibility of a second wave this summer, and as keeping the health of our members as our utmost priority, we have decided to postpone the annual meeting until next year, the summer of 2021. So, please take the annual meeting off of your 2020 calendar. As per NH Governor Sununu's executive order and the guidance of our state epidemiologist, we are too large to meet safely and therefore all non-profits are allowed to bypass their bylaws this year without penalty.
2. All reports and minutes of the Council can and will be found on the website as they are made available. So, if there's anything you need to know, our website at www.piscataquapioneers.org is the best source.
3. We will still be collecting dues from annual members as customary, as we continue to have expenses such as sending this letter out, our fall 2020 newsletter, our P.O. Box rental, etc. Please send your \$10 dues checks made out to "Piscataqua Pioneers" c/o Carla Mueller, 46 Canterbury Road, Wells, ME 04090.
4. As we will not be able to balance our annual budget this year, donations are most welcome and highly appreciated. The Council would like to thank Ed Bachelder for his recent, generous donation of \$280.00 to assist in that effort.
5. If you have not given us your email address, or have changed email addresses, we would appreciate it if you would send your most current information to Wendy Blood at twhs@comcast.net.
6. Lastly, because we will not be meeting as a body this year, the present Council leadership will remain in place until the 2021 annual meeting. If you have any concerns about this, please feel free to email me at bscoxbutreau@gmail.com to express your thoughts.

The Council will meet again on October 18th at 1pm via Zoom, which is how we held our most recent meeting. At that meeting, along with our usual agenda, we will begin the work of preparing for the summer of 2021 annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you then.

Dr. Betsey S. Cox-Buteau, President
Council of the Piscataqua Pioneers

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