



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.

Message from the President

June 2023

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Dr. Betsey Cox-Buteau

Greetings to my fellow Pioneers,

It has been my pleasure to have been your President for the last two years. The history of our organization, which has been in existence since 1905, has always been incredibly special to me. I think about our ancestors who braved so much hardship yet continued and thrived in an unknown world.

We have moved forward into the modern world of electronics and have a wonderful, updated website. This website is very user friendly and allows you to pay your dues and stay connected with our various links to our history and memorabilia.

Our pulse is strong, but we must look to the future. Now there are many new outstanding applications and more supplementals as well. Please spread the word to your eligible family members and friends and ask them to consider joining! We would love to have you. We might have more ZOOM meetings in the future so that those of you who cannot get here to New England can stay connected.

Mark your calendars for July 29, 2023. Our annual meeting and luncheon will be held at the Wentworth by the Sea Hotel in New Castle, New Hampshire. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and we will have a scrumptious luncheon. This newsletter contains the registration details. We will also have a silent auction offering some exciting items.

Much of our history revolves around the Abenaki Indigenous tribe. I think that you will be incredibly pleased with our speaker, Anne Jennison, a traditional Native American storyteller, and historian of European and Abenaki heritage. After the presentation there will be a question-and-answer period.

Please consider becoming a member of our Council. We meet twice a year, and it is a really dedicated group of Pioneers who keep this Society alive.

My blessings to you all, in Pioneer Spirit
Pat Twombly Karakashian

Plan Now to Join Us at the Pioneers Annual Meeting July 29, 2023

Plan to join us at the Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, New Hampshire. Our day will begin with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and tea donated by a Council member will be served.

You will meet old friends and make new ones. There will be a silent auction and a raffle. Our items include baskets full of goodies, beautiful artwork, donations by local vendors, and Pioneer items as well.

The Coastal New England luncheon buffet will include chilled salads, cornbread, and New England Clam chowder, mini lobster rolls, Boneless Maple Barbeque Chicken breast, red bliss potatoes with sea salt, parsley and butter, Boston baked beans, Whoopie pies and lemon tartlets.

Anne Jennison: Native American Storyteller



Our speaker, Anne Jennison is a traditional Native American storyteller and historian of European and Abenaki heritage. While Anne's storytelling skills have been polished by more than 30 years of experience sharing Indigenous lesson stories with audiences of all kinds, she also believes that her growth and development as a human being has been deeply influenced by internalizing the content of the Northeastern lesson stories that she tells. With master's degrees in both Storytelling and History, Anne also brings a wealth of cultural and historical knowledge to enrich her retelling of timeless Northeast Woodlands Native American stories. Anne is listed on the New Hampshire Traditional Artists Roster as a traditional Native American storyteller & craftsperson.

Piscataqua Pioneers Council Meeting Draft Minutes April 15, 2023—*Beverly Mutrie*

Attending at 10:35 were Ed Batchelder, Vice President by Skype; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Betsey Cox-Buteau, Treasurer; Barbara Carmone, Officer at Large by Skype; Pat Karakashian, Chair, Alan Moulton, Data Base Mgr.; Arlene Quimby, Vice-President; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Nancy Smith, Chaplain; and Jim Twombly, Officer at Large. The Chaplain gave the invocation, we pledged allegiance and P. Karakashian read the Mission statement.

The minutes from October were approved upon a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by J. Twombly and all agreed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted after a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by J. Twombly. The balance of -644 was mostly due to annual meeting expenses and few yearly members. B. Cox-Buteau explained her proposed new slate of officers. It has been hard to get positions filled. A. Quimby has resigned as first Vice-President. B. Cox-Buteau moved the revised slate, B. Mutrie seconds and all agree.

W. Blood and A. Moulton need to come up with an accurate email member list to use for the newsletter etc. B. Cox-Buteau (chair), B. Mutrie, A. Moulton and W. Blood offered to be on a Sub-Committee to discuss how best to communicate with members. E. Batchelder prefers paper invitation to the annual meeting. His meeting by Skype to promote the annual meeting was productive.

B. Cox-Buteau has researched purchasing a new CD. B. Mutrie suggested Service Credit Union 3%+. E. Batchelder suggested Treasury Direct at 4.9% for every 13 weeks. A motion to purchase a CD will be recorded after an email vote.

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The Conflict-of-Interest addition to the by-laws was approved upon a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by B. Mutrie. The proposed change in term for the President to two years was acceptable. We should also change the term of the Registrar and the Treasurer to three years due to learning curves. All the rest of the Board members terms are to be two years implemented on a staggered year basis. Betsey will draw up the proposed by-law changes, the new slate, and we will vote by email.

A. Moulton reported that we now have 323 life members, 34 annual members and 4 new members pending in our database. B. Cox-Buteau motioned to approval, J. Twombly seconds and all concur. We discussed whether to publish an addendum to the 2015 Registrar Books. W. Blood will mail new members a copy. The Rack Cards should be placed about Portsmouth, Hampton, Kittery, etc. We should try to reduce storage space costs. We voted in Rev. Michael Denney (#1915), Marie Suter (#1916), Jeanne Bedard (#1917) and Todd Frary (#1918) as approved for membership upon a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by N. Smith and all voted aye. Betsey motioned to approve the Registrar's report, N. Smith seconds and all concur.

We discussed the Curator's Report. W. Blood thought she might have the missing Frost biographies since they were last in Ansell Palmer's hands. Unfortunately, B. Alex will be stepping down as Curator due to time constraints. B. Cox-Buteau motioned to approve her report, N. Smith seconded it, and all agreed. P. Karakashian reported that the Annual Meeting will be at the Wentworth on July 29 with the same New England Dinner. Pricing for the dinner was discussed and determined to be approximately \$50. W. Blood has asked for a speaker on Abenaki Indians from Strawberry Banke and can offer a group archaeological plus general tour for \$12 each. P. Karakashian would like to market it better by rack cards, postcard invitations, raffles, silent auction, donations from businesses, etc. to encourage guests and donations.

B. Cox-Buteau made a motion to adjourn at 12:40 pm. It was seconded by A. Moulton, and all concurred.

CURATOR'S REPORT

April 14, 2023—*Barbara Alex*

In our search for the biographies of the original Piscataqua Pioneers that missed the publication date (2000) of the **Piscataqua Pioneers: Selected Biographies of Early Settlers in Northern New England**, I discovered a small notation that all of these were submitted to Carol [REDACTED], #936A, of [REDACTED]. That began a search for Carol, and we published that in our last newsletter. Her address is still valid, but she doesn't answer her phone because she is age 94 "sharp as a tack" but hard of hearing. We didn't know that until fortunately our request in our last newsletter was noticed by her daughter Laura [REDACTED] #1766, and she contacted me. That led to me emailing Carol and discovering that she turned over all those missing biographies to Ansell [REDACTED], #1300, who died 1 March 2011. Ansell's wife, Irene [REDACTED] #1300A, died in 2019. However, Ansell did have a daughter named Carol [REDACTED], #1435, who was living in Washington, DC in 2015. **So, Carol [REDACTED], if you are out there and know where the biographies ended up, please contact us!**

On another subject, no books or genealogies relating to the earliest settlers have recently been submitted to me to be taken to the Lamson Collection at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Finally, after having been in the line-up to become President, then President, then Chairman of the 2015 Register of Members committee, and Curator for the past seven years, I have decided to step down and possibly start working on my supplementary forms because I hear my other Piscataqua Pioneers asking, "What about me?" Do consider holding an office in the Pioneers, a great group of friendly people who share our common history and are most likely related to you! We must preserve our heritage and keep our organization strong.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

April 22, 2023—Wendy Blood

New membership applications completed since October 15, 2022:

The Registrar moves that the following applicants be approved for membership. They have all completed an application and submitted the necessary proofs of lineage.

Natl. # Name	Ancestor
# 1915 The Rev. Michael Richard Denney [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	James Warren Also supplemental – William Chadbourn
#1916 Marie Louise Huebler Suter [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Humphrey Scammon
#1917 Jeanne Marie Buntaine Bedard [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Rev. Stephen Bachiler
#1918 Todd Bartholomew Draper Frary [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Major Brian Pendleton

The following applicants have submitted a preliminary application and paid the initial \$30.00 application fee, unless noted. They will be voted into membership **upon verification** of their application papers.

Name	Ancestor
Jeanne Buntaine Bedard	Stephen Bachiler
Matthew Brooks	Stephen Bachiler
David Thurston Caswell	William Berry
Wayne Leslie Clark	Nicholas Frost
Laura Lee Bouchard Kozin	Capt. Thomas Wiggin/Katherine Whiting
Rebecca Talpin Miller	Reverend Robert Jordan
Wendy Renda	Rose Stoughton* will be a new ancestor.
Allison MacArthur-Ruesink	Daniel Goodwin
Susan Lynn Savard	Hubartus Robert Mattoon
Denise M. Zvanovec	Henry Tibbetts

There are 17 worksheets outstanding:

15 from 2022

9 from 2021 - reminder letters went out 01/25/2023/ due by Dec 2023.

6 from 2020 – expired application letters went out 01/24/2023/ I received 1 email, and she has until 12/2023 to finish her application.

3 from 2019 – cancelled letters went out 01/24/2023/I did not receive any responses.

I have been in touch with Anne Jennison through Alix Martin, the person in charge of the Abenaki Heritage Initiative at Strawberry Banke Museum. Anne is looking forward to coming to our meeting and giving a talk on Abenaki history. She has a PowerPoint presentation followed by an informal Q & A session.

DID YOU KNOW?

New Hampshire is in N'Dakinna (meaning "our homeland"), the traditional homelands of the Pennacook-Abenaki, Wabanaki, and other Indigenous Peoples who have graciously and diligently stewarded these Northeastern lands (aki) and waterways (nebi) for countless generations over more than 12,000 years. Anne is Abenaki. She will let us know what she needs for equipment. Her cost is \$350.00. I will also ask Strawberry Banke if there would be any type of passes for the exhibit.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Proposed Addition to the Bylaws at the Annual Meeting on July 29, 2023 (*All new language*)

ARTICLE IX Conflict of Interest

Section 1. Any member in good standing of the Piscataqua Pioneers, member’s relative, or member’s acquaintance who will (or has) personally benefit(ed) monetarily from any action of the organization has a duty to disclose it to the Council.

Section 2. The Council shall consider any disclosed conflict of interest and rule on what action to take, if any.

Section 3. Any member of the Piscataqua Pioneers who fails to disclose a monetary conflict of interest shall be subject to removal from the Council and/or removal or suspension for a period of time from membership of the organization at the will of the Council.

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws (*Red language is added wording*)

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, three (minimum) to five Vice Presidents, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Curator, Auditor, Database Manager, and three to five Officers-at-Large all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. ~~The term of office for President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Registrar, Curator, Auditor, and Officer-at-Large shall be one year, The term of the Database manager shall be three years.~~

Section 1a. ~~The term of office shall be between the vote and installation at the one year’s Annual Meeting until the vote and installation at the following year’s Annual Meeting.~~

The term of office for the President, Vice Presidents, Chaplain, Secretary, Curator, Auditor, and Officers-at-Large shall be two years. The term of the Treasurer, Database Manager, and Registrar shall be three years. Their elected duties shall be in place between the vote and installation at the Annual Meeting of their election until the vote and installation of their successors at the Annual Meeting at the completion of their term. In order to provide for the stability of the Council, the change to the length of the terms for these offices will be staggered over the next two elections. To facilitate this change, the following FY24 positions will be voted in as one-year terms: 2 Vice-Presidents, Chaplain, Curator, and 3 Officers-at-Large. The remaining offices which include the President, 3 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Auditor, and 2 Officers-at-Large will be voted in for two-year terms across FY24 and FY25. After that, all terms will be elected for two-year terms as the positions come up for election.

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Nominations offered by the Nominating Committee follow on page 6.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

April 15, 2023—*Dr. Betsey S. Cox-Buteau*

NOMINATIONS FY23		TERM Expires
President	Ed Bachelder	Summer 2025
Vice President		Summer 2024
Vice President		Summer 2025
Vice President		Summer 2024
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Chaplain	Nancy Spencer Smith	Summer 2024
Secretary	Beverly Mutrie	Summer 2025
Treasurer	Betsey Cox-Buteau	Summer 2026
Registrar	Wendy Blood	Summer 2026
Curator		Summer 2025
Database Mgr.	Alan Moulton	Summer 2025
Auditor	Carol Palmer	Summer 2025
Officers at Large	Barbara Carmone	Summer 2024
Officers at Large	James Twombly	Summer 2025
Officers at Large	Arlene Quimby	Summer 2024
Officers at Large	Michael Denney	Summer 2025
Officers at Large	Patricia Twombly Karakashian	Summer 2024
NOMINATING COMMITTEE		
Immediate Past President	Betsey Cox-Buteau	
Member of the Council	Wendy Blood	
Member at Large		

DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT

April 15, 2023—*Alan Moulton*

There have been 66 changes made to our member database since our annual meeting. These include 18 address changes and 38 confirmed deaths. Most of these deaths were confirmed through an audit of our inactive members.

I have reviewed and updated files used to create the next Register for parts 1, 2, and 3. Part 4, 'Piscataqua Pioneer Ancestors' has been updated with ancestors added since the last addition. Some proof reading will be required.

Contents of Database		
Active Members		
Annual		34
Life		323
Total Active		357
Inactive Members		151
Deceased Members		1321
Pending Members		4
Supplemental Records		51
Dual Address Records		6

TREASURER'S REPORT FY23 10/1-4/1

Dr. Betsey S. Cox-Buteau

RECEIPTS		
Annual Dues		\$280
Lifetime Dues		\$1,000
Application Fees		\$390
Sale Items		\$150
Donations		\$230
Annual Meeting Refund		\$0
Bank CD Interest		\$0
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME		\$2,050
EXPENSES		
State Of NH Annual Report		\$0
Registrar's Fees		\$764
Car Sticker reorder		\$0
Hauch Storage		\$120
Annual Meeting & Trolley & Brochures		\$1,000
Website		\$179
Refunds		\$0
Newsletter Printing & Mailing		\$369
Annual Dues Billing		\$60
PP USPS Mailbox		\$202
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES		\$2,694
ASSETS		
Citizen's Bank Checking		\$5,642
Value Inventory of Items for Sale		\$11,520
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$17,162



Help! New Address?
Notify the Database Manager.

database@piscataquapioneers.org



Wentworth by the Sea photo by Laura McCrillis Kessler

THE PISCATAQUA PIONEERS 119th ANNUAL MEETING

*At the Historic Wentworth by the Sea Hotel, 588 Wentworth Rd,
New Castle, NH 03854*

On Saturday, July 29, 2023

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour and Registration ~ 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting and Sharing
11:30 p.m. Luncheon: "A Coastal New England Lunch Buffet."

12:15 p.m. Speaker ~ 1:30 p.m. President's Remarks and Installation ~ 2:00 p.m. Adjourn.

_____ Luncheon Reservations at @ \$60 each \$ _____

A Donation to help defray the meal cost \$ _____

Annual Dues \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name of Ancestor(s) _____

Attendee(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

By July 1st, you may go to <https://piscataquapioneers.org/donations-dues.html> to complete your reservation/dues forms and pay online OR mail this form with your check made out to "Piscataqua Pioneers" to: Piscataqua Pioneers, c/o Betsey Cox-Buteau, 11 Buttonwood Drive, Hollis, NH 03049 Phone: 603-465-7628.

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Did you know that we offer Pioneers' Keepsakes for sale on our website to our members, friends, and interested parties to cherish and use as keepsakes of the Piscataqua Pioneers? This 15"x19"x5" canvas tote bag is strong enough to handle your heavy genealogical books! This and other items are also for sale at the Annual Meeting on July 29, 2023.

View them on our website at <https://piscataquapioneers.org/keepsakes/index.html>