

Cherryfield Narraguagus Historical Society
April 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance: Peter Duston, Rick Harter, Sarah LaSagna, Kelley Wescott, Denise Lavoie and Crystal Hitchings.

The meeting began at 6:05 PM.

Denise gave the financial report. There is currently \$11,659.60. Insurance for the year will be \$4108. The septic fee has already been paid. When all expenses are taken out there will be \$6713 to use for construction repairs. There will be a later discussion about possibly taking more from the endowment fund.

The group approved \$3000 to repair the ledge on the front of the house. Rick will get a quote from Tim Deschiffart. Estimates will also be needed for the hole/sill in the porch area at the front of the house. Peter may know someone interested in doing that work. Rick asked that a five gallon bucket of Kilz be approved for the two rooms upstairs. All approved. Denise may be able to get a discount on it at Sherwin Williams. There was a discussion about jack posts and what to set them on. Tires with poured concrete was one suggestion. Peter also mentioned again that there will be a group coming to Cherryfield in June, doing work on low income homes. We might be able to get some help from them.

There was a discussion about the advantages of getting a heat pump to help dehumidify the house. Denise will look into pricing. Peter mentioned putting heavy plastic on the basement floor covered with crushed stone. Before that can be done the rocks/bricks need to be removed.

Crystal would like to clear out the kitchen space so that we have an area to work in. The lathes in the room where the chimney is can go to the dump. Rick's sons will prime the drywall on the two sheet rocked rooms on the second floor. Rick would like to get together to lay the boards on the floors in those rooms after they are painted, a job that should go very quickly.

Rick will put in an outside spigot to use for watering the memorial garden. The plaques that have been ordered to date have been completed and will be placed in early May.

Crystal, Sarah and Kelley will clean out the third floor when the weather is warmer, possibly after Cherryfield Days. Everything that is salvageable will be put in order and boxed until needed.

On May 21st, our regular meeting day, we will gather with members of other area historical societies at the Academy at 6PM. Denise and Kelley will get together to plan refreshments. At this time we do not know how many will attend, but we expect about six give or take.

The March minutes were unanimously approved.

Tentatively we would like to have a member meeting and cookout sometime in August on the grounds of the historical society. Sarah is not available August 22nd.

Cherryfield Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 16th/ Rain date May 17th , sponsored by the Riverwalk Committee and the historical society. Sarah will be working on maps to give volunteers directions and track what sections have been completed. There will be hotdogs and possibly other food when the volunteers return.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.