DATE: October 19, 2026
PLACE: Home of Sue Bernier and Jeff Idels
Time: 6:30

Presiding: Jeff Idels
Present: Sue Bernier, Jeff Idels, Gina Corbo, Lois Barry, Joy Crane, Mindy Pollack Fusi, M.B. Maughan, Suzanne Robbins, Rose Fiore
Secretary: Rose Fiore

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Jeff welcomed everyone and introduced our newest member, Suzanne Robbins from Falmouth.

2. How are the Falmouth school teams working out?

We discussed the makeup of the A and B teams and the idea was suggested that we switch the makeup of the A and B teams in January. This will allow members to go on visits with various different members.

3. Who's interested in visiting Falmouth Academy?

Jeff and M.B. introduced Hearts and Paws to Falmouth Academy which resulted in an enthusiastic invitation for us to establish a schedule to visit the Academy which is 7-12 grades. Perhaps monthly visits on Wednesday - start date to be determined.
School requires fingerprinting in addition to CORI background. Jeff will be sending out information on the procedure to members who expressed interest. (initial group: Jeff Idels, M.B Maughan, Sue Bernier and Rose Fiore). The $ 39 cost will covered by the school.

4. Should we try to get some Sandwich visitations?

This was suggested to respond to our Sandwich members.
Boys and Girls of Sandwich was an idea. Jeff will pursue.

5. New Routine at Teaticket Elementary

Members shared the wonderful new procedure at Teaticket.
Hearts and Paws visit is coordinated with start time for the children

who walk the school's track with the H & P dogs. We then move into the regular visit area and meet with the students by grade.

6. Member Appreciation event - Nov 15, Town Cove Tap, Orleans

RSVP invitations have been sent for the much anticipated 2nd Annual H & P Member Appreciation Event. Plans are in process for the food and member recognitions. The Tap Room's layout will be great for mingling and meeting members from the rest of the Cape. Jeff is hoping to persuade Upper Cape members to make the trip to Orleans for this wonderful event.

7. Spotters Class

All attendees expressed interest in Rebecca Blair's upcoming Spotters class - dates to be announced. Consensus that this training for all members, new and existing will provide a shared understanding of the role and responsibilities for H & P spotters.

8. Community Events

Mention of upcoming events including Holiday Strolls - more information to follow.

9. General Discussion

M.B. asked if H & P would consider custom patches in addition to H & P branded items. Sue will talk with Amy Usowski and Amy Groden about future plans for coordinating design and distribution in liaison with Mary and on line store. More information to follow.

Experiences shared of emergency situation drills in the schools we visit and M.B. provided a handout of a typical procedure.