MIDCOAST FRIENDS MEETING
Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Twelve Friends gathered in silent worship when Clerk Guy Marsden opened the session. He announced that Sue Rockwood had agreed to become the next Clerk when Guy steps down at the end of the year. Sue said that she felt clear to accept the new role in part due to the decision to terminate her work with MOPC. Strong support and deep appreciation were expressed for Sue's willingness to take on the position.

Guy then described further work on the meeting house grounds including thinning out bushes aong the frontage, clearing the field around and under the solar panels, and clearing the area around the memorial stones. A more complete clearing effort will be made next year by Neil Genthner who brush hogs our grounds.

MINUTES of the October Meeting for Business were approved.

It was agreed to hold a Meeting for Worship at 2 p.m. New Year's Eve, December 31.

On first Monday December 6th a Harvest Pot Luck Lunch will replace the usual soup lunch with dressed up tables and a more extensive menu of contributed dishes.

Jean Crawford has stepped down from her leadership on PASTORAL CARE with an indication that she may no longer attempt to attend Midcoast Meeting. Friends were grateful for her long and faithful service to members in need. A note of appreciation will be sent. Meanwhile Suzy Hallet will be the point person for pastoral care concerns. Similarly Diane will coordinate responses to matters that relate to Ministry and Counsel.

Sue Rockwood reported on the THRESHING SESSION held on December 8th. There was agreement that the meeting should have a Clerk, a Recording Clerk, and a Treasurer. Rather than renewing full committees, "point persons" will deal with responses on various issues as noted above. Guy will handle Buildings and Grounds and communications. Sue will be Clerk, Jim will be Recording Clerk, and Bruce will be Treasurer. A point person can call on members to form a small ad hoc committee as may be needed. The new flexible scheme was referred to as "functional anarchy." Members affirmed the overall pattern described in Sue's report.

Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk