

At our January meeting, Treasurer Hilaire Thomas presented a draft budget which she prepared for the Board. The budget is similar to both the budgeted and actual figures for 2011 and is fiscally responsible so upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was approved.

In our winter newsletter we will inform members of our new membership year: January 1 to December 31 and ensure that those who renew on the old plan get their memberships extended to the new deadline. We appreciate the patience of our members during this transition. Our annual meeting will continue to be on the first Monday in May. This year, we expect to have Lisa Gannon of the New England Antiquities Research Association who will talk about the cairns which we have found at Gateway and other archaeological finds.

JULT continues to work on a long-term sustainability plan. At our January meeting, John Koier, chair of our Stewardship Committee, provided eleven goals for the plan. The hope is that some of our members will join him on this committee and help us achieve those goals.