

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2017

Venue: Webster-Tay House – 7 pm

Program: “**School of the Soldier Manual of Arms, Loading-Firing ‘Procedures’ and Kit and Accoutrements of a Union Infantryman**” presented by Steve Morin from the 5th NH Regiment Civil War Re-Enactors

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:30pm by Leigh Webb, President

Salute to the Flag, led by Jack Tobey

Moment of Silence for Departed Members – passing of Pauline Colby was mentioned

Secretary's Report – June 1 minutes were circulated.

- Members were reminded to read the previous months’ “Draft minutes” posted on website before the next meeting.
- Motion made to accept the minutes with two corrections (first name “Kevin” Gardner; spelling of “Fells”); seconded by Jack; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – Circulated by Leigh, in Carlton Ham’s absence

- Motion to accept was made by Elizabeth Jewell; seconded by Jack; *passed*.

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Building** -- Exterior work (vinyl siding removal, scraping, painting, lattice and fascia board replacement) will be announced via e-mail.
 - **Education** – Chris Lewis absent; Steve Foley interested to help with “traveling history trunk” idea.
 - **Cookbook** – Leigh gave committee brochure about self-publishing.
- “**Open Sundays**” continue each week through Labor Day, from 10am-2pm – docents welcome. Have averaged 4-6 visitors per Sunday.
- **Facebook Page update** – 2 books have been requested via messages on page; feedback positive
- **Roster publication/e-mail distribution**
 - Update by Karen Darling and Carlton completed
 - Leigh will send 2017-18 roster by e-mail.
 - Printing of hard copies will be at Colorama; Carlton will mail to members without e-mail
- **August Field Trip**
 - Where: The Fells, Newbury NH; car-pooling encouraged
 - When: Sat. August 26th – meet in parking area by 10:45am.
 - 11am Garden Tour, 12 noon House Tour

- \$8.00 admission; RSVP to Leigh by e-mail

New/Other Business

- **Recent Donations, received from:**
 - Gilman Historical Society: post cards
 - Lori St. Jacques of Bedford (Andy Nadeau picked them up): FFD paraphernalia and photos to honor her father, Capt. Arthur J. St. Jacques
 - Noted that both Arthur and his father were captains of FFD, and an uncle died after fighting a Franklin fire.
 - Doug Sargent: Stokes stretcher
 - Jim Jones (from the Veterans' Memorial Ski Area, by way of Karen and Dan Darling): U.S. Army canvas field stretcher
 - Brian Baker: Sarah Webster marker (mystery, etched in slate, found in house on Garneau Rd, says "Erected in memory of...", 19th Century)
 - Andy Nadeau and Franklin Firefighters' Museum (from Willie Drapeau): box of scrap books and photos
- **NO August General/Monthly Meeting** (Field Trip to the Fells instead)

Announcements

- Article in *Andover Beacon* about donation of organ (written by Rita Norander; brought to our attention by Steve).
- Article in *Laconia Sun* about this evening's program (although time wrong in one place)
- Steve wondering about date when Opera House orchestra pit was covered – would this be in newspapers in our collection? 1893 Merrimack paper showed *design* with pit – was it ever built?
- President Leigh ended with another clever "definition" from humorous, historic book – this time for "Regrets" and "Relations" 😊

Next meeting: September 7, 2017

Adjournment: 8:55pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary