

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2016

Venue: Webster/Tay House – 7 pm

Program: “*An Overview of Stevenstown, the Elms Farm, the Orphan’s Home and the Sisters of the Holy Cross*” by Leigh Webb, with special guest Jeanne Douillard, formerly of the Sisters of the Holy Cross

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

Salute to the Flag – Led by the newest member, Karen Grzelak

Moment of Silence for Departed Members, including most recently, Al Pesso

Secretary's Report – The May 5, 2016 minutes were circulated.

- Motion to accept the April minutes, which weren’t approved at the last meeting, was made by Elizabeth Jewell; seconded by Bob Pauwels; passed.
- Motion to accept the May minutes was made by Annette; seconded by Elizabeth; passed.

Treasurer's Report – Carlton Ham distributed copies of the Treasurer’s report. Discussion included that there were earnings from the sale of books at Community Day (see volunteers listed below)

- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Elizabeth; seconded by Jack Tobey; passed.

Old and/or Continuing Business

August Members Field Trip – no new suggestions were added to places suggested in the April meeting. Leigh will send e-mail asking about dates in August – date and location to be decided at July meeting:

- Frost Farm, Weeks Estate, Franklin Pierce Homestead, Wentworth-Coolidge Estate (all NH State Parks); Augustus St. Gaudens (NPS); London Historical Society; Potter Place.

Committee Reports

Building

- Insurance
 - Carlton still to meet with Gale Agency contact. One, informal, but professional outside assessment said Gale offer seemed a good deal.
 - Reminder that \$700 due in August, as our portion of Easter Seals existing coverage on all buildings.
- Vinyl siding removal – will be when weather improves
- **General garden and building clean-up: Sun. June 26, 10am-2pm** – volunteers needed – same time as weekly open house, and same date as Plant Sale (below)

Roster – to be distributed soon, after addition of tonight’s new membership.

Recipe Book Project – no update; on hold

Museum/Collections – Open House hours: Sundays 10am-2pm through Labor Day

- **DOCENTS NEEDED!** Have had visitors.
- Plaques on doors unveiled, with John S. Shepard III in attendance, May 22 – article in *The Messenger*, May 22 issue.
- Sunday, June 19 -- Peddler Bridges talk on the history of Bike Week
- New donations from Sarah Stanley, Andy Nadeau, Annette Cain

Plant Sale – Sunday, June 26, 10am-2pm – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Gerrish Station – No updates at this time.

Upside Down Bridge – Looking into grant possibilities for *next* year (did not want to compete with Friends of Northern Rail Trail, also seeking grant)

Painting of Franklin Library – The Betty Jeanne Bassett painting, formerly featured in the FHS cafeteria, to will be hung in the Library soon. Ms. Basset may have had painting(s) hung within the Daniel Webster Inn; no info on how artwork was removed before demolition of hotel.

Route 3 Sign Use Proposal – pending:

- As yet not discussed at City Council meeting.
- It had been proposed that visible placement near downtown would deter vandalism; noted that vandals last week “tagged” the iconic wheel, prominently at the downtown’s entrance (as well as outbuilding, and along River Trail and on the side of the library). Concern again expressed for the historic signs.

Community Day Volunteers, -- thank you to all who manned the FHS booth: Annette Andreozzi, Ken Ackerson, Elizabeth Jewell and Dan Cerat

New/Other Business

- **July 1 program:** “The White Island Restoration Project” with Dick Batchelder
- **Andover Historical Society Calendars:** Steve Foley has been typesetting, relatively easy. Each month a photo, each year a theme. Each page has a sponsor. This year, photos of objects in their collection, by photography class students. Suggested this is a fundraiser we might consider; Andover’s calendars @ \$10.
 - Motion that Steve investigate the process and prices made by Elizabeth; second by Mary Foley; passed.

Announcements/Correspondence

- **Andover Historical Society** – June 16, Grange Hall, NH Humanities program

Adjournment – 9:00pm

Submitted by Karen Darling