

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting
4 May 2023

Program: “What is Happening at the Webster Birthplace” by Randy Kovach
Refreshments by Cyndy Campbell, Sandra Burney and Maureen Aube

Business meeting:

- Salute to the Flag led by Joya Clark
- Moment of Silence for departed members
- President Leigh Webb opened the meeting with two definitions from the *Foolish Dictionary*: “drop stitch” and “dust”
- Secretary’s Report – *motion* to approve the April minutes made by Annette Andreozzi and seconded by Linda Pauwels, *passed*
- Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Dan Darling not present; Leigh shared that the balance in regular account was sufficient for current expenses, still waiting for the insurance policy renewal

Old and/or Continuing Business:

Annual Election of Board and officers:

- ***Proposed Slate:***
 - President-Leigh Webb
 - VP-Frank Genus
 - Treasurer- Dan Darling
 - Recording Secretary (**open**)
 - Co-recording Secretary (during the summer) Dan Cerat
 - Curator-Annette Andreozzi
 - Asst. Curator-Annette Cain
 - Directors to 2026: John Benham and Chris Seufert
- **Nominations from the floor**
 - Both new member Kimberly Gerlarnau and Rosemary Mellon offered to be Recording Secretary; both agreed that whoever received fewer votes would be “Co-Recording Secretary” (to serve whenever the regular Recording Secretary was absent).
 - Leigh confirmed that Dan Cerat would be relieved not to continue in the role, as his availability is severely limited by his teaching responsibilities in Massachusetts
 - Voting was conducted by a show of hands: **Kimberly was voted Recording Secretary; Rosemary will be Co-recording Secretary.**
 - (Kimberly and the outgoing secretary, Karen Darling, will get together soon to hand over duties.)
- **Vote to accept the new proposed slate of Directors and Officers was unanimous.**

Committee Reports:

- Building —Leigh: garden cleanup, mildew abatement, painting will be soon, depending on weather
- FaceBook update—Karen: positive comments

- Education Comm— Chris Lewis absent; Karen & Leigh reported that the QR Code project is up and running! 6 sites downtown now have QR codes in their windows which visitors can scan with their phones and be taken to a page on our website which describes the history of that building or space, with 3-4 photos. Goal was to have this ready by Community Day!
- DUES please, for those who have not paid, may be submitted by mail; several paid at the meeting.

Curator:

- Thanks to all those noted in the monthly newsletter for their incredible gifts!
- Library discoveries – more treasures! Recently, a very old map of lots.

May 29th, Monday: Official Dedication of the Martin Memorial Display. Keynote speaker will be Ken Merrifield, who was mayor at the time of the commemoration of the high school football field.

Saturday May 27th: Open Saturdays begin, 10 am to 2 pm; through Labor Day weekend.

New/Other Business:

- Plant Sale: Sunday, June 25th plant donations, as well as garden tools and decorative items, and volunteers to help during the sale are welcome. If someone knows they will have some plants to donate, please let Annette Andreozzi know immediately; she is preparing a flyer for taking pre-orders, listing what we KNOW we'll have, for posting on our website and Facebook page.
- Community Day: May 13th Saturday, Volunteers welcome 10am-2pm.
- City of Franklin's yearly stipend of \$250. Usually, before-and-after letters are written by Leigh. Being a City Councilor this year, it would be more appropriate if the letters came from someone else. Frank Genus, new Vice President, will write the letters.
 - Recommendation was made by Elizabeth Jewell that a thank-you card, signed by all members, be presented during the public statement portion of a City Council meeting. Several others supported that idea.

Announcements:

- Sanbornton Historical Society: May 11, "Sanbornton Fire Dept, Then & Now"
- NH Historical Society series of on-line programs

Any other business/late items:

- Recommended to submit an article about the QR codes to *Granite Life*

Next Meeting: 1 June, "The Life of Daniel Webster in Franklin", adapted from the program Leigh has presented to Franklin 4th graders.

Meeting adjourned 8:52pm