

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting
6 April, 2023

Program: “The Kearsarge Mountain Boys” by John Benham

Refreshments by Leigh Webb

Business meeting: called to order at 7:45pm by President, Leigh Webb

Salute to the Flag led by Karen Grzelak

Moment of Silence for departed members

“Foolish Dictionary” definition for “Lent” shared

Secretary’s Report

- *Motion to approve the November 2022 minutes* made by Chris Lewis, seconded by John Benham, *passed*
- *Motion to approve the February 2023 minutes of the Board* made by Linda Pauwels, seconded by Chis, *passed*

Treasurer’s Report:

- Treasurer Dan Darling was absent; Leigh shared that the account was sufficient for day-to-day expenses for the time being, and that the insurance when due, will be the largest expense for which funds will be needed

Old and/or Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

Building —Leigh: garden cleanup, mildew abatement, painting – work day will be end of April or early May; email asking for volunteers will be sent

FaceBook update—Karen Darling: recent request for help from Tilton Historical Society in locating stolen light fixture (later found), as well as inviting us to join a perhaps-quarterly gathering of Board members of area Historical Societies. Unfortunately, the first date for such a meeting is the same as Franklin’s Community Day.

Education Committee— Chris Lewis: finishing the “Then & Now” “traveling trunk” for teachers to check out. New project is placing QR codes on 6 buildings/locations downtown, which visitors can scan to read about the history of that site; slated to be ready before Community Day.

Membership Dues – this is the time of year to renew or begin your membership. Our Roster will be updated with current members in June.

Curator

- Thanks to all those noted in the monthly newsletter for their contributions since November of last year!
- Library discoveries (to be continued)! Recent finds include 1866 money designated for a Civil War monument. Possible future program with librarian, Rob Sargent.

Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day) at 11:00am: Official Dedication of the Martin Memorial Display

Saturday May 27th: Open Saturdays begin, through Labor Day weekend, 10am-2pm. Volunteers are encouraged to come learn to be a docent!

New/Other Business:

Plant Sale: Sunday, June 25th plant **donations and volunteers** to help during the sale

Community Day: May 13th Saturday **Volunteers** – Annette Cain offered.

Election of Board Members and Officers: May meeting, first Thursday (May 4). Linda Pauwels stepping down, Frank Genus willing to serve. Karen Darling stepping down as Recording Secretary.

Announcements:

Sanbornton Historical Society event, “Organ Music”

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4th “Plans for the Webster Birthplace State Park” with Randy Kovach and Matt Flanders