

## FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

2 May 2019

Venue: Webster-Tay House– 7 pm

Program: “**Richard Potter: America’s First Black Celebrity**” by author and scholar Dr. John A. Hodgson

Refreshments

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8:30pm -- Business Meeting called to order by Leigh Webb, President. The “Foolish Dictionary” definition for “heart” was shared.

**Salute to the Flag** was led by Sandra Burney

**Moment of Silence for Departed Members**

**Secretary's Report** – April 5 minutes were posted on-line as draft, and link was sent by e-mail. **Motion** made by Jack Tobey, seconded by Judith Ackerson, to accept the minutes; *passed*.

**Treasurer's Report** – treasurer was not able to attend. President shared highlights verbally; assets have grown. **Motion** made by Elizabeth Jewell, seconded by Jack Tobey to accept report; *passed*.

**Unfinished/Continuing Business:**

- **Committee Reports:**

- Building —3<sup>rd</sup> floor vinyl removal, clapboard and window sill restoration/repair awaiting word on boom lift availability delivery of lift from Chris Schroeder (Beck & Belucci), soon.

- Roster – draft will be available at the June meeting

- Education —Chris Lewis not able to attend; no report

- **Dues Reminder** – will also take dues at Community Day

- **Election of Officers and Board Members -- proposed slate for 2019-20:**

- President – Leigh Webb

- Vice-President – Linda Pauwels

- Treasurer – Carlton Ham

- Recording Secretary – Karen Darling

- Co-Recording Secretary – Dan Darling

- Curator – Annette Andreozzi

- Assistant Curator – Dan Cerat

- Director (to 2022) – Steve Foley

- Director (to 2022) – Chris Lewis

- Director (to 2020) -- Open, to replace Will Clark. Floor opened to nominations: Leigh nominated John Benham, who accepted the nomination.

Slate of proposed Officers and Board Members for 2019-20 was voted on by those present by a show of hands: *passed unanimously*.

- **Lock Box update** – have extra set of keys; FPD to arrive and lock it.
- **Daniel Webster Birthplace security update** – no new break-ins. Carlton donated a pamphlet from 1921 about putting together a group to renovate the birthplace. Described a piece of the original saw blade from Ebenezer’s mill found in 1910, now in the birthplace cabin (was in the Sawyer House).
- **Franklin Historical “Planned Giving” Society** – launched, through Independent Financial Services (Franklin Savings Bank)

#### **New/Other Business:**

- **July outings** -- in June, suggestions will be made for places members can visit in lieu of a meeting in July, to then talk about at the August meeting. Suggested that if you take photos, put them on a thumb drive to bring to the meeting. Leigh & Annette will be doing the Mt. Washington Cog Railway.
- **Community Day volunteers** – Sat, May 11; especially need helpers 10am-noon. Annette Cain, Annette Andreozzi – anyone else?
- **Golden View, Meredith** – Becky McKeown, event planner, has asked for programs; one on the history of Franklin’s Soldiers Memorial Hall (City Hall, Opera House) will be given later this month.

#### **Recent Donations:**

**Brenda and Dan Johnson:** glasses case with pince nez glasses from Dr, James Shaw, OD, latch needle boxes, Giles Dairy Bar glass ashtray, wooden ice pick from Webster Lake Ice Co., 1957 Cookbook “Kitchen Secrets of Franklin, snapshots of Acme Knitting, Howard’s Bike Shop, Laroche’s Market, small envelope from C.P. Stevens Hardware, and milk bottles from Giles and Franklin Dairies; **Carlton Ham:** more postcards, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and (sidenote) 1931 letter on UCLA stationery; **Steve and Mary Foley:** 1878 book “Town Officer” and 1811 pamphlet of a speech by NH Gov Langdon to the Legislature; **Linda Denoncourt of the Salisbury Historical Society:** newspaper articles, three postcards, Republican Bridge photo, and letter from Hattie E. Webster (from Danbury) about attending school in Franklin (mentioning her roommate Rosa Shepard and an “Indian woman skeleton in a glass case”); **Nancy Jo Chabot, Hopkinton Historical Society:** two bags of 1930’s era clothing from the Starie family, Dorothy Richardson Starie (Librarian from 1935-43) and John H. Starie.

**Announcement:** Plant Sale, Sun. June 23, 10am to 2pm; also garden implements. Annette Andrezzi and Mary Foley have lots of pots, if needed for your plant donations

**Next Month:** “NH Historical Markers” by author Michael Bruno

*Adjournment: 9:00pm*

Submitted by Karen Darling, Recording Secretary