

Minutes -- Franklin Historical Society Meeting
5 August 2021

Program: "New Acquisitions" display of newly acquired items of interest on tables in the meeting room

Business meeting called to order by President Leigh Webb at 6:05pm:

Salute to the Flag led by David Liberatore

Moment of Silence for departed members

Secretary's Report

- 1) Minutes from Nov 2019 (our last meeting, pre-COVID) – **motion** to accept the minutes by Elizabeth Jewell, seconded by Linda Pauwels -- **passed** unanimously.
- 2) E-newsletter copies – **motion** to accept by Elizabeth, seconded by Linda – **passed** with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Annual Report to State—filed in July. (Treasurer, Dan Darling, not present.) President reported verbally that investment account and checking account are in good shape

Old and/or Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

Building —Left messages/email for sill and foundation repair estimate requests

FaceBook update— Karen: CH Hinds bottle procurement

Education Comm—Webster presentation to 4th and 5th grade hopefully in the fall; field trip to Society in the future? (Committee chair, Chris Lewis, not present.)

Collections—contact from gentleman in NY re: possible donation of weights (used for calibration), accompanied by note from 1937 that they were deemed no longer necessary in Franklin.

Projects update

Karen Darling gave update on project for historical highway marker noting that the Ladd House on Chance Pond Road, and the residence at 189 S. Main St. (currently being renovated), were part of the Underground Railroad. Karen recently met with Jim Prew, current owner of the Ladd House, who supports the idea.

New/Other Business:

- Vote to approve expenditures: 1890 Webster Lake Map (letter press printing), framing of mill maps (vs. conservation at \$1,000 per) – **motion** to approve \$500.00 for this project by David Liberatore, seconded by Elizabeth Jewell – **passed** unanimously.
- Roster sent as attachment to most recent newsletter

- Refreshment sign-up
- Birthplace visits—Sundays by appointment through the state
- ZOOM—practical or not? Little response to survey. Video record of meetings? No decision made; President will continue to investigate.
- Two members reported a negative experience with Easter Seals personnel when arriving; President will follow up.

Next Month: “NH’s Covered Bridges” by Bill Caswell

Adjournment –6:30pm