

Meeting Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society

7 April 2022

Program: “Then and Now” and “From the Shepard Archives” slideshow
Refreshments provided by Leigh Webb and Annette Andreozzi

Business meeting: called to order by President Leigh Webb at 8:30pm
Salute to the Flag led by Kathy Fuller
Moment of Silence for departed members
Secretary’s Report (online draft – minutes from November 2021): *Motion to approve* made by Kathy Fuller, seconded by Joya Clark -- *passed*.
Treasurer’s Report (an annual report will be offered next month)

Old and/or Continuing Business:

- Election next month
- Committee Reports:
 - Refreshments—sign-up sheet passed around
 - Building —painting when weather more appropriate. Garden cleanup will be scheduled later this month
 - Facebook update— Karen Darling: several comments after posting of photo of Esso station and query about location; continuing with 1 or 2 postings per week, mostly segments of the month’s e-newsletter.
 - Education—Leigh: 4th and 5th grade Webster presentation—still no date set, and dependent on Covid protocols, may not happen this year; Chris Lewis: Education Committee meeting April 18 at Karen Darling’s, currently working on Geography, Flora & Fauna traveling trunk.
 - Curator—New additions from donors: **Maj Desautel**: items from 2003-2004 Franklin Opera House, 1996 newspapers, and vintage sheet music of Katharine Gilchrist, Kathy Fuller’s *grandmother*; **Betty Cate, in memory of Warren Cate (brought to the Society’s attention by Stan Weglarz)** FHS yearbooks from 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953 with 1953 Commencement program, 8x10 of St. Mary’s graduating class (possibly of Warren’s first wife’s) and 1953 Tilton School yearbook (Warren Cate seems to have also graduated from there after graduating FHS in 1952, that yearbook being retained by Betty)
- Printing of (100) postcards of ten different views and (30) Webster Lake maps for sale from J-T woodcuts are being printed! Framed Mill maps now here and hanging upstairs
- Lisa Martin re: possible donations to the Martin Memorial--no update, but she found another display case (Den Brae Golf Club)
- Projects update—Karen Darling, historical marker noting Underground Railroad safe houses in Franklin; attended Laconia Historical Society program with author of “Slavery and the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire”.
- Continuing discussion—Video record of meetings? Consensus not needed.

New/Other Business:

- The closing of the Recovery Center: the buildings will now be a “veterans campus”, supported by state funding of \$21m (or more)
- Joya Clark: ideas for fundraisers – shared possible “Then/Now” photo calendars, which she has created for other communities; also glass “sun catchers” (which also make nice Christmas tree ornaments. Joya will look into more details for both.
- Volunteers for Community Day, May 14 needed
- Daniel Webster Birthplace – State of NH is looking to hire docent to staff weekends.
- Plant Sale –, Annette: coming up Sat. June 18; accepting garden tools/decorations, in addition to plants. Tell Annette if you know you have something specific, as we’ll list for pre-order specific plants that we know we can offer. Karen will contact friend who accepted to care for houseplants that didn’t sell, as she is moving out of state this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Next meeting will be May 5th tentatively offering “The History of Peabody Place” with John Benham