

## FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2016

Venue: Webster/Tay House – 7 pm

Program: “*Revisiting the Franklin Historic District*” with Annette Andreozzi and Tim Morrill

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The Business Meeting was called to order by Leigh Webb, President, at 8:40 pm

**Salute to the Flag** – Led by Carlton Ham

**Moment of Silence for Departed Members**, including most recently, John S. Shepherd III

- It was noted that Mr. Shepherd had visited the Society’s meeting place recently, for unveiling the plaque naming the “Alice M. and John S. Shepard Jr. Memorial Exhibit Room”. John III had donated some 16 boxes of materials his grandmother had used in writing her book on Franklin.

**Secretary's Report** – The July, 2016 minutes, taken by Dan Cerat, were circulated.

- Motion to accept was made by Elizabeth Jewell; seconded by Jack Tobey; passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Carlton Ham distributed copies of the Treasurer’s report.

- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Jack; seconded by Elizabeth; passed.

### Old and/or Continuing Business

**August 6th Members Field Trip** – 11 members appreciated a docent-led tour of the London Historical Society “village” – highlights included the barn dedicated to historic transportation, including firetruck.

### Committee Reports

#### **Building**

- General garden and building clean-up: Labor Day weekend, 10-2pm each day – volunteers needed:
  - Sat: gardening (weeding, pruning, mulching) and exterior cleaning
  - Sun: inside dusting, sweeping, tidying up
  - Mon: screened-in porch organization; hang historic road signs
- Vinyl siding removal – still TBD

**Cookbook** – meeting Sept. 21

**Gerrish Station** – Work to begin in the Spring.

**Historical Society Calendars:** Steve Foley collected info on how Andover manages theirs:

- Sponsor for each month (12) – pay \$100 (or two may split a page/month)
- Calendars sold for \$10/month, including at local venues; often purchased as gifts
- May be in color or B&W
- If anyone willing to head or form a committee for this project, and take responsibility for it (find sponsors, arrange printing, etc.) – let Leigh know.

**Upside Down Bridge** – Meeting next week to discuss dovetailing outdoor recreation area idea with historical markers – Leigh, Marty Parichand and Andy Nadeau.

**Painting of Franklin Library** – The Betty Jeanne Bassett painting has been restored as much as possible by Franklin High School art students. Need to determine where in Library it can be hung – measures 4’x8’ – probably upstairs, possibly back (center) of stage area.

**Route 3 Sign Use Proposal** – no update (unfortunately, Tim Morrill left before discussed).

### New/Other Business

- **Dates for Christmas dinner** – Sun. Dec. 11 suggested – Leigh will check with Glenn about availability of hall
- **Oct. 6 program:** NH Humanities presentation, “Rally ‘Round the Flag”, Civil War music – *at the library*
- **Discussion: Facebook Group for Historical Society** – Karen takes many photos, i.e. field trip, programs. Decided to post these on our website instead (not create a FB page). Karen will ask Dan about website capabilities for adding photos.

### Announcements/Correspondence

- **Sanbornton Historical Society** – Sept. 8, 7pm, “Witches” about Salem Witch Trials
- **Franklin Opera House Dinner/Auction Sept. 10** – auction also on-line this year

**Adjournment** – 9:13pm

Submitted by Karen Darling