

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting
6 October 2022

Program: “**Slides of NH foliage, and Franklin in 1965**” from the Jeannette Morency archive

Refreshments

Business meeting: called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag

Moment of Silence for departed members

Secretary’s Report (online draft) *motion* to approve the minutes of September 2022 made by Charles North, seconded by Rita Norander -- ***passed***

Treasurer’s Report – No report this month.

Old and/or Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

Building —one lower trim board and 16 ft. clapboard replaced, some painting and garden thinning done (thanks to Annette Andreozzi for volunteering one day during Labor Day Weekend to be the docent so garden work could be done)

FaceBook update—Karen traveling – no report.

Education Committee— Chris Lewis – working on Geography topics. Next they will be creating QR codes to be located in places where people can use the code to see panoramic pictures of how that place looked in the past. The “traveling trunk” project is getting some assistance from the Portrait of a Graduate program and students.

Curator—thanking donors for gifts this past month: **Sheila Rainford**, who, as part of her talk on the Webster Lake Association, donated a map of the Lake with addresses for all the lots, a Xerox of the 1902 Granite Monthly issue featuring “A Day on Webster Lake” and a copy of the NH State Constitution; to **Linda Pauwels** for her usual contribution of obituaries and interesting newspaper articles; to **Frank Genus** who has been surfing the web for pieces of Franklin’s history for sale donated some absolute gems—a colorized 1904 architect’s drawing of the new Shepard Building at the corner of Central and Franklin Streets, a 1904 Odd Fellows booklet, a 1948 Franklin Chamber of Commerce folder, and photos of George W. Nesmith, Walter Aiken, and three other photos; **Judy Bibbins of the Franklin Planning and Zoning Departments** for copies of 1964 and 1973 aerial photos of Franklin; to **Bill Gardyne of the Derby, VT Historical Society** who mailed a small box to the Society labeled latch needles from the Franklin

Needle Company, but contained small rivets; and **Steve Johnson** for a railroad conductors ticket punch (in its original box), obviously much used, as the nickel plating was so rubbed that most was gone, manufactured here in Franklin by Jonas Aiken, with an original diamond shaped die, making it possibly one of the first made in 1877.

Printing of (30) Webster Lake maps *still* at printer in Concord. Leigh has not been able to reach the printer via phone or email, so he's planning to pay a visit in person.

Lisa Martin dropped off Roger's footlocker and other items with more to come. It is full of letters, which Lisa has scanned for the family's records. This was made possible through a donation, for which a special checking account was opened at Franklin Savings Bank. It will cover expenses for things like framing and a digital picture frame.

Projects update--Joya Clark's calendar idea – several estimates for various options were gathered, but Joya has become too busy with other Franklin activities, so she is withdrawing this idea for the time being.

New/Other Business:

The December Holiday Dinner is planned for December 11. Glen Morrill is checking on the use of Thompson Hall. Annette Andreozzi and Joya Clark volunteered to prepare turkeys. The rest will be potluck.

Any other business/late items:

Stan Weglarz asked about the status of the other buildings of Webster Place. Leigh explained that the State of NH is planning to create a Veterans Campus with housing, therapy, and other types of assistance, spending \$21 million of ARPA funding to renovate buildings. Ownership of the property will remain with Easter Seals. The plans do not affect the Society's 99-year lease.

Next meeting: Nov. 3rd, 7 pm “**Remembering Ted Lepianka**” to honor Veterans Day, Nov. 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.