

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting  
5 May 2022

Program: “**Comfortable Senior Living: from Peabody Home to Peabody Place**” with John Benham and a short slideshow of vintage Peabody Home/Place photos  
Refreshments by Karen and Dan Darling

Business meeting called to order by President Leigh Webb at 8pm:

- Salute to the Flag led by Annette Cain
- Moment of Silence for departed members
- Secretary’s Report (online draft): *Motion to accept* made by Linda Pauwels, seconded by Annette Cain -- *passed*
- Treasurer’s Report (annual report) presented by Dan Darling. *Motion to accept* made by Joya Clark, seconded by Annette Cain – *passed*.
  - Discussion, an explanation of the Martin Memorial Fund: Roger Martin and his brother Neal were Franklin residents who fought in WWII; Roger being a casualty. (He was a 1938 graduate of Franklin High School; the football field is named for him.) Daughter Lisa Martin contacted the Society with much memorabilia from both brothers’ service. Donations were made by relatives/friends to the “Martin Memorial Fund”; since we had none established, a separate bank account was opened in order to receive those funds. We are currently considering how to display this memorabilia, and consider it especially appropriate now that the surrounding grounds are to become a NH veteran’s campus.

Old and/or Continuing Business:

- Election

Slate for consideration:

President: Leigh Webb, VP: Linda Pauwels, Treasurer: Dan Darling, Recording Sec: Karen Darling, Co-recording Sec: Dan Cerat, Curator: Annette Andreozzi, Asst. Curator: Annette Cain, Directors to 2025” Sandra Burney and Chris Lewis

Nominations from the floor – none.

Vote to accept the slate of officers and continuing directors, unanimous. *Motion to accept* the vote made by Joya Clark, seconded by Annette Cain – *passed*. Congratulations to all, and gratitude for willingness to continue serving was expressed.

Committee Reports:

- Refreshments: November still open.
- Building —painting and clapboard repair/replacement when weather more appropriate

Garden cleanup volunteer recognition: John Benham, Tom Gumbart, Randy Kovach, and Annette Andreozzi  
FaceBook update— Karen  
Education Comm—4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Webster presentation may not happen this year  
Volunteers for Community Day needed

Curator—Recent donations: **Betty Cate** (with thanks to Stan Weglarz) gave several copies of the Franklin High School yearbook for years 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1953, with a Tilton School yearbook for 1953, all related to her late husband Warren Cate’s high school tenure; **Annette Cain** brought in a checkbook cover from the Trachy Agency, and a list of wedding anniversary gifts from Griffin Rexall; more recent and older newspaper articles on notable Franklin subjects came from **Linda Pauwels**; **Kathy Fuller** rescued framed color photographs from the soon-to-be-demolished Peabody Home building including views of mills, the Odell arch, and the Public Library; **Pat Tucker** (from Northfield) contributed a massive 1922 Webster Dictionary that was a wonderful fit to the classroom display on the second floor of the Tay building; **Roberta Burke** then gave a late 19th century “Thank you Card” featuring a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier on several pages and multiple copies of The Cottage Hearth magazine from 1883 and 1890 (see the note and photos below tying in these last two donations); and a large glass

- Printing of (30) Webster Lake maps for sale from J-T woodcut will be available for Community Day (\$10 each)
- Lisa Martin meeting update
- Projects update—Karen Darling’s project for historical marker on Underground Railroad homes in Franklin. Leigh recently met with both Andrew Cushings and Ben Harper (DHR) – they’d like to erect a marker for the 14-year old Black servant with a prominent gravestone, buried in the Webster Cemetery. Is interested in the proposed Underground Railroad marker also.
- Joya Clark: ideas for fundraisers; nothing further. Rita shared her personal “perpetual calendar”.
- Plant sale needs— Sat, June 18

#### New/Other Business:

- Watermarking photos vs. written agreement with user -- discussion in relation to a request by soon-to-open Downtown Crepes, for historical photos of the French-Canadian population in Franklin. A vote was taken by the membership, with the majority indicating preference to maintain “Franklin Historical Society” watermarking (discreet) on photos being donated.
- Memorial Day weekend opening docent training offered!

#### Announcements:

- Sanbornton events: May 12 & 21

- Linda Pauwells: article on Abigail Webster home (formerly FHS member Nita's home), undergoing paint testing.
- Rita Norander: info on John Morrill, jeweler/watchmaker – has family tradition of giving graduates one of his watches.

*Next meeting will be June 2nd tentatively offering "Papermaking" with Yama Ploskonka*

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm