

Minutes

Annual Officers and Board meeting, Franklin Historical Society

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6pm, Thompson Hall

Present: Leigh Webb (President), Karen Darling (Secretary), Annette Andreozzi, Linda Pauwels, Chris Lewis, Steve Foley, Dan Darling, Annette Cain, John Benham, Glenn Morrill

- **Slate of Officers and Board Directors for 2020-21.** If any officer or director cannot continue to serve in their present capacity, suggestions would be encouraged by the departing officer or director for a replacement.
 - **Immediate need for new Treasurer:** longstanding Treasurer, Carlton Ham, passed away recently and unexpectedly.
 - John Benham willing to *temporarily* cover Treasurer duties, cannot accept to be permanent Treasurer at this time due to other commitments
 - **Motion** made by Steve Foley, seconded by Annette Andreozzi: **to approve John Benham as interim Treasurer of the Franklin Historical Society, including to be added as signatory on bank accounts – passed.**
 - Leigh and John will go to Franklin Savings Bank soon to add John.
 - **There will be one open Board slot at annual election meeting in May if no one will step up to be treasurer and John Benham remains in that position for the time being** (see Table below). Everyone else has committed to remain in their current positions.

Leigh A. Webb	President	2019-2020
Linda Pauwels	Vice-President	2019-2020
vacant	Treasurer	
Karen Darling	Recording Secretary	2019-2020
Dan Darling	Co-Recording Secretary	2019-2020
Annette Andreozzi	Curator	2019-2020
Dan Cerat	Assistant Curator	2019-2020
Annette Cain	Director	Term Ending – 2020
John Benham	Director	Term Ending – 2020
Glenn Morrill	Director	Term Ending – 2021
Karen Grzelak	Director	Term Ending – 2021
Steve Foley	Director	Term Ending – 2022
Chris Lewis	Director	Term Ending – 2022

- **Roster update and printing schedule.**
 - Final roster to be available in June, after officers election

- **Surety bond due and Insurance discussion:**
 - Leigh has been going through treasurer documents since Carlton's passing – we have had a \$100,000 surety bond since 1997-98; 3-year term expiring, cost about \$1,200/term. **Consensus: not needed, don't renew.**
 - Easter Seals, under previous leadership, had requested that we pay a share (\$700) of their liability insurance for Webster Place property; we paid in 2016, not since. Leigh e-mail confirmation from new Easter Seals management that we have no outstanding obligations.
 - Leigh will be checking our Mutual Liberty liability insurance, to ensure it is current.

- **Suggestions for the year's speakers/programs include** (please contact Leigh if anyone has other ideas):
 - Betty Pauwels: Covered Bridge Association
 - Paul Doucette: Babbit House and other historical homes being renovated demolished
 - Fall foliage
 - Val Perkins: Webster Lake Association 200th Anniversary (John also a member)
 - Aiken Manor (new owner has attended two FHS events recently)
 - Mojolaki Golf Course 100th Anniversary (new owner, no longer golf course)
 - More "Then & Now" slides
 - History of NH Historical Sites – new director, Andrew Cushin
 - Historical homes in Franklin – perhaps a field trip meeting? (Bussier's and others)

- **Plant sale** – tentative date Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day) from 10am-2pm
 - Annette Andreozzi organizing, Karen Darling tentatively helping

- **Education Committee:**
 - Leigh recently gave annual talk on Daniel Webster to 4th graders at Franklin Middle School
 - Chris Lewis will look into actual cost/feasibility of 4th (or 4th-6th) grade field trip at end of year. Historical Society to possibly subsidize bus cost.
 - [Committee met after Board meeting –next "traveling trunk" on Geography of Franklin; meeting at Chris' on Sat, March 14 at 11am]

- **Volunteers needed:**
 - Franklin's Community Day, Sat May 8
 - "Open House" docents every Sat between Memorial Day and Labor Day
 - Possible school field trip

- Plant Sale
- Andover Old Time Fair

- **Refreshments Committee Chair needed** –Mary Foley has stepped down, in anticipation of moving to Utah; Chris Lewis has tentatively volunteered to bring refreshments for first public program meeting, April 2.

- **Facebook/Website**
 - Karen D. continuing to update Facebook site, especially with monthly newsletter, divided into 4-5 weekly installments; no recent questions/messages
 - Dan Darling maintaining website (received check from Leigh at meeting for renewal for website maintenance; domain name is still good for 2 more years)

- **Projects for 2020:**
 - **Maintenance:** vinyl siding (one more section to do, accessible w/out lift); sill repair – Leigh suggests have a professional look at the foundation/sill, concerned about rot, especially around cellar window), get estimate – both Glenn and Annette A. will check with people they know.
 - **Historical Road Marker re: Franklin’s role in Underground Railroad, especially Dudley Ladd House** – proposed by Karen D, who will investigate process/costs

- **Announcement:**
 - Glenn: this is 200th Anniversary of building of Congregational Church (where Daniel Webster worshipped); currently on Federal Registry of Historical Places, investigating getting on NH Registry.
 - First of fund-raising dinners (renovation costs), Sat. Feb. 15, 5pm, here in Thompson Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Darling
Recording Secretary