

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting
April 3, 2025

Program “**The History of the Pemigewasset Valley**” with Daniel Heyduk
Refreshments (Leigh and Annette)

Business meeting:

Salute to the Flag led by Rita Norander

Moment of Silence for departed members

Secretary’s Report (from November)

- *Motion* made by Cyndy Campbell, second by Sandra Burney to accept the November minutes as written; *motion passed* unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report sent by Dan Darling, attached to minutes.

- Our largest bill is propane for heating.
- *Motion* made by Annette Andreozzi, second by Annette Cain, to accept the treasurer’s report; *motion passed* unanimously.

Refreshments sign-up for May-Nov 2025 meetings was circulated.

Old and/or Continuing Business:

Library “sojourn of discovery” continues...

Committee Reports:

Building

- Paint and “pressure washing” suggested by Easterseals; concern is that the vinyl siding on Tay house is 40+ years old, brittle, and holes.
- Ongoing discussion about burying the propane tank(s). Our preference would be erecting a fence around it.
- Garden cleanup and general interior “spring cleaning” some upcoming weekend, weather permitting.

FaceBook update (Karen Darling)

- Frank Genus is now posting the newsletter, in segments, and also “Events” such as for tonight’s program.
- Both Frank & Karen remain Admins; both see requests, etc.

Education Committee (Chris Lewis)

- Working on history of Franklin schools
- Goals before Community Day:
 - New QR codes for businesses, train station, etc. on Franklin Street; Downtown Crepes agreed to post them in their window.

- Creation of brochure with list and locations of QR codes; to give out at our Community Day booth and at downtown businesses.

Curator—donations noted in the newsletter

New/Other Business:

Webster talk to 4th graders—no update

Tentative Program list for this season:

- May: “Memorable Moments at the Opera House”
- June: “Odd Fellows Building” – stage and backdrops
- July: no meeting, too close to 4th
- August: “History of Webster Place”
- September: History of Schools of Franklin”
- October: “More Treasures from the Library”
- November: Either “Franklin Veteran’s Part Two” with Kathy Fuller, or “Tribute to Lt. Col. Bernice Sinclair”

Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 31st, 10 am to 2 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer to either provide plants or help on the day, please see Annette A.

Summer “Open House” hours – the Historical Society will be open every Saturday from 10am-2pm, from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend (when it will be open all three days of the weekend). Volunteer docents are encouraged; training provided.

Announcements:

Sanbornton event calendar: Next Thursday, April 10 at 5 pm at the Sanbornton Library, “Tales of Lane Tavern”. Upcoming, program on “Covered Bridges”.

Next Meeting: May 1st, **“Memorable Moments at the Franklin Opera House”** 7 pm

Adjourned 8:50pm