

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2018

Venue: Webster-Tay House— 7 pm

Program: “**Then and Now**” slide show by Leigh Webb, President

Refreshments

7:55pm -- the Business Meeting was called to order by Leigh Webb, President

Salute to the Flag

Moment of Silence for Departed Members - especially remembering Jane Fredette, mother of Mary Foley, mother-in-law of Steve Foley.

Secretary's Report -- October 4 minutes have been posted on-line as draft. Rita Norander noted wrong date for FHS Class of 1958 visit. **Motion** made by Annette Cain, seconded by Betty Tobey, to accept the minutes as corrected; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – treasurer was not able to attend but submitted report. **Motion** made by Jack Tobey, seconded by Betty Tobey to accept brief verbal synopsis given by Leigh Webb on Carlton Ham's behalf; *passed*.

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

Building —Acquisition of table, radial arm, and band saws from Jack Tobey; 3rd floor vinyl removal, clapboard and window sill restoration/repair has been pushed to next spring for better weather and boom lift availability

Cook Book Comm—new books (2nd printing, corrected and expanded) will be delivered on Sat, Nov. 3. Dan Darling will get them to Leigh. Anyone needing copies before the dinner on Dec. 9, contact Leigh. Dan will submit the receipt to Leigh for reimbursement.

FaceBook update— Karen continues to post sections of the monthly newsletter each week; no new messages or inquiries.

Education Comm—Karen will follow up with Chris Lewis about dates for meeting.

Projects update: *Plaque for “Sentinel Pine”*—owners have not responded

Porter Young films: at the conversion company, first program in April; (1 film is seriously degraded.)

Christmas Potluck: Sunday, Dec. 9th, 4-7 pm (dinner about 5pm), Thompson Hall. Glenn Morrill and Elizabeth Jewell volunteer to cook turkeys (to be provided by the Society).

New/Other Business:

Webster presentation to Franklin 4th graders: Done this morning (Nov. 1), to good reaction. Glenn noted that current issue of *NH Magazine* has good article about Daniel Webster.

Recent Donations: from **Carlton Ham**, water cooler and Keurig coffee maker, with supplies, to Thompson Hall, as a thank you for allowing us every year to hold our Christmas dinner there, a laminator, early maps of Franklin (to be used as giveaways to encourage new memberships), Steenbecke and Camp & Hill aprons (once used to collect money during the annual Society Faire, when both companies still existed, and now have become collectors' items), Society newsletters from the 1980's, a box of Clara Clarkson's notecards with her drawing of the Webster one-room schoolhouse (the Society has the framed original), and a 1968 city directory; from **Ellie and Howard George** (via Rita Norander) two small books—a 1928 pocket dictionary with a leather cover “Franklin, N.H.” and a snapshot album with a leather cover featuring the Daniel Webster Birthplace; from **Annette Cain**, a Franklin Savings Bank “canceled check file” (remember when canceled checks were actually returned to the account holder, now relegated to history?) and a “Franklin the Heart of NH” mug; from **Andy Nadeau**, his source material in five three-ring binders for the writing of his “The History of the Franklin Fire Department” as well as folders of some original (see a sample on the Society's FaceBook page) and many paper copies of photos, along with a typed manuscript of “Franklin's Railroads”; from **Brenda Petelle** (via Cameron Temple), a personalized “Food Service Director of the Franklin School District” Franklin Centennial (1995) license plate; and from **Joseph Rondeau** of Massachusetts, a virtual treasure trove of Daniel Webster material, including some *thirty seven books* either by or about Mr. Webster, *twenty* printed pamphlets of Webster's speeches (with an 1882 printing of a oratory delivered in Fryeburg Maine on July 4th, 1802, when Webster was only twenty years old!, an important and early 1814 speech, his spoken thoughts on the Compromise of 1850, and an 1837 speech given at “Niblo's Saloon” in NY, intoning the words “One country, one constitution, one destiny” while decrying a perceived abuse of Executive power, plus eulogies offered after his death), and a handwritten letter by Webster to William Sullivan, a prominent lawyer in Boston.

A “thank you” to Annette Cain (as a “donation of time”) for her ongoing cataloging of Franklin town documents, from 1870s and earlier, rescued from the tower of City Hall.

Thank you also to Jack Tobey for donation of various saws, as mentioned above. They will be kept in the basement, and will come in handy for various repair projects (such as the repair of clapboard, window sills and trim in the spring).

Announcement: This morning's Choose Franklin program was by the ranger for the Franklin Falls Dam, who mentioned that the Historical Society may be interested in some photos there. Also, that a tour can be arranged for a group at any time.

Next Month: Christmas Pot-luck dinner, Sun. Dec. 9. No regular meeting/program until April 2019.

Adjournment: 8:20pm, with humorous definitions from *The Foolish Dictionary* by Gideon Wurdz, 1904, for “encore” and “enthusiast”.

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary