

## FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

**1 August 2019**

Venue: Webster-Tay House– 7 pm

### **Program: “Members Explore NH’s Historic Sites and Attractions”**

- Karen and Dan Darling -- Historical Points in the North Country
- Sandra Burney and Cyndy Campbell—Isles of Shoals
- Mark and Sally Bussiere, Mary and Steve Foley, Annette Andreozzi and Leigh Webb —Cog Railway, Mt. Washington summit
- Rita Norander—Ice House Museum, New London
- Elizabeth Jewell—Pickity Place, Mason, NH

Refreshments

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8:30pm -- Business Meeting called to order by Leigh Webb, President.

**Salute to the Flag** was led by Linda Pauwels

### **Moment of Silence for Departed Members**

**Secretary's Report** – June 6 minutes were posted on-line as draft, and link was sent by e-mail. **Motion** made by Karen Grzelak, seconded by Betty Tobey to accept the minutes; *passed*.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer was not able to attend; report not available.

### **Unfinished/Continuing Business:**

- **Committee Reports:**

Building — Attempt made to control mildew on north wall

Facebook – Karen Darling reported, no new queries; regular postings receive “likes”

Roster – Karen & Carlton finalizing; to be published and distributed via email soon

Education —4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip, planning for next year; committee is meeting next week, on the Geography and Maps “trunk”

### **New/Other Business:**

- Volunteer docents needed for Labor Day weekend – Open all three days: Sat/Sun/Mon
- Garden maintenance day: every Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm (wear suitable clothing)all tools will be provided, along with water and snacks
- Plant Sale – made \$399.
  - Plant Sale volunteers: Rita Norander, Annette Andreozzi, Sally Bussiere, Nita Tomaszewski, Elizabeth Jewell, Sandra Burney, Rosemary Mellon, Mary Foley, Karen Darling, and additional Plant Sale Donors: Leslie Ervings, Ken & Judith Ackerson, Dan Darling, Steve Foley, Lucilla Sokol; THANK YOU!
  - With Special thanks to Karen Darling & Annette Andreozzi for picking up a large donation of plants and potting them, and Annette and Elizabeth Jewell for organizing

- Additional plant sale donations (for next year) of various outdoor tools, from the Webster Lake Association Yard Sale (Denise Steadman)
- Donations to archives: The Society appreciatively acknowledges **Carlton Ham** for 100+ vintage Franklin and area postcards (30+ from Tilton, which unfortunately no longer has a Historic Society to store their treasures) and others from surrounding towns, which will make their way to their respective societies crediting Carlton as their donor; **Patty Robichaud** for two commemorative ceramic church plates, a 1995 church cook book, souvenir glasses from the reunions of Franklin High School classes of 1936 and 1941, and two (initially) mysterious objects later identified by the Society's curator, Annette Andreozzi, as loom shuttles (for which the Society already had in its collections bobbins, heretofore unrecognized as such, which fitted perfectly!); **Becky and Shannon O'Dell**, who found several interesting articles in the house for which they are the latest stewards, relating to a previous owner named George W. Drake, and including sheet music, letters, business receipts (from the late 1800s and early 1900's), advertising literature and calling cards, a straw hat (a little worse for the wear), and an example of a wooden crutch of which Mr. Drake was the manufacturer! (his shop on Depot and Anderson burned in 1906); **Rita Norander**, for a photo and typed history of the Webster Lake house known as "Oak Knoll", to which her family had a strong connection; **Clifford Picard**, for ten c. 1910 Christmas postcards addressed to the Blake family, found during renovation work; **Karen Bunch** (of Dublin NH) for a letter dated November, 1850, written by Daniel Webster to his farm manager John Taylor, complete with Webster's wax seal and free frank signature; **Kathy Fuller** for a "Frontier Days" cap (from a box of brand new hats found in the Chamber of Commerce kiosk in Marceau Park), a Webster Inn poster and menu, a 1989 city directory, and a binder with more than one hundred Franklin related postcards, including an RPPC (real photo postcard) not seen before of the Kenrick Farm; **Kathy Keegan Malsbenden**, for an amazing amount of Franklin material and photos, including family related images of friends and classmates over different generations, a great shot of the Stevens mill on East Bow Street (see this month's photo) and an 8 x 10 of the 1948 Class Day Parade shot near Central and Prospect streets, memorabilia and photo from the Girl Scout Trip to Washington DC in 1966, a series of color snapshots of the buildings then belonging to the Sisters of Holy Cross (from 1988), 1800's photos of local stores, a metal "chamber pot" and soapstone "foot warmer" brick from her ancestors home on Franklin street, three "Keegans" basketball jerseys, FHS class of 1926 memorabilia, a 1945 Knights of Columbus anniversary booklet, a 1919 reception booklet honoring WWI veterans at the Pastime Theater, two Bessie Rowell School "Student of the Month" pennants, and much more ephemera and unidentified CDV's and photos; **Audrey Lanzillo** for a 2007 proclamation signed by Gov. John Lynch declaring "Daniel Webster Day" found in Memorial (City) Hall; **Alvin Schaut** (of Wisconsin) for a vintage postcard of the old high school; **Sheila Rainford** for a box of vintage glass wire insulators, collected by her father Ray Woodhouse around Webster Lake in the 1980's; **Jim Jones** for a 1960's era poster heralding a rock and roll concert, the proceeds of which were to help build a structure to house historic firefighting apparatus; and an anonymous gift of two silver plated warming dish serving rings/stands, also from the Webster Lake Association yard sale.

**Next Month, Sept. 5: "The Cog Railway and Franklin's Connection"**

*Adjournment: 8:45pm*

Submitted by Karen Darling  
Recording Secretary