

## FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017

Venue: Webster-Tay House – 7 pm

Program: *A slide show of Recent Society Acquisitions/Discoveries, plus new exhibits*, presented by Leigh Webb

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The Business Meeting was called to order by Leigh Webb, President, at 8:25 pm

**Salute to the Flag** – Led by Annette Andreozzi

**Moment of Silence for Departed Members** – it was noted that Norm Bushman passed away in February 2017

**Secretary's Report** – The November 2016 minutes (our last meeting) were circulated.

- Motion to accept was made by Judith Ackerson; seconded by Steve Foley; *passed*.

**Treasurer's Report** – None; Carlton Ham was absent.

### Unfinished Business:

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Building**
    - Dates for vinyl siding removal, painting and weeding to be announced
    - New sign, being made by Leigh, was on display – will be “hanging” sign on front porch; old wooden sign on front lawn getting “weathered”
  - **Education** – Chris Lewis, no update at current time.
  - **Cookbook** – Elizabeth Jewell absent; Annette reported that there was no update.
- **Plant Sale** – will be Sunday, June 4 from 10am-2pm. Donations of plants for selling, as well as volunteers to help that day are both needed.
- **Upside-Down Bridge**
  - Trying to determine ownership: City or State? (Would also determine who is liable.)
  - Recognized by the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. Is the only covered bridge without a road sign noting it. Sign has been approved by the City Council; FHS will cover costs.
- **“Open Sundays” begin May 7<sup>th</sup>** – the Webster/Tay House will be open every Sunday from May to September, from 10am-2pm – all members are welcome as docents. Training/resources available.
- **City of Franklin’s Annual \$250 Contribution** – for archival supplies; \$145 will be for Upside-Down Covered Bridge road sign this year.

## New/Other Business

- **May Election** – looking for one new Board member; all others willing to continue serving. Election will be at next meeting, May 4.
  
- **Facebook discussion**
  - Suggested at annual Board meeting that having a Facebook page would increase interest, especially by younger members, and improve communication of needs and events.
  - Facebook Page would complement our website.
  - Committee of Steve Foley, Karen Darling, Will Clark and Joya Clark were asked to investigate and present proposal.
  - Their proposal (attached) was displayed and discussed, especially concerns about photos, posting, privacy, etc.
  - Joya has created a Page, not “public” (live) yet.
  - Steve, Karen, Will and Joya agreed to serve as Administrators; posts/tags/photos can only be made when an Administrator approves it.
  - This is a Page (not a Group).
  - Proposal was *approved*, with addition of “NH” to name, “Franklin Historical Society”.
  
- **Recent Donations:**
  - Rita Norander: photos and material from her father’s and uncles’ WWI service, including American Legion and Elks Club
  - Therrien family: 1950’s receipts found at 2 Canal Street
  - Ernest & Elizabeth Snyder, Cheryl Bruno: 1832-1893 docs and letters found in a sideboard stored in the basement of 152 Prospect St.
  - Additional items were donated at tonight’s meeting, including two portraits.
  
- **Programs for 2017 (see Nov. 2016 minutes for suggestions)** – will be announced soon, some being confirmed
  - One from NH Humanities on “The Industrial Revolution” may cost \$100.
    - \$100 for this program was *approved* by show of hands.
  
- **Field Trip in August**
  - Many possible sites were suggested at the Board meeting in Feb: Frye’s Measure Mill (near Wilton); Belknap Mill; Robert Frost Farm (Derry); Weeks Estate; Augustus St. Gaudens National Park; The Fells; Castle in the Clouds (Moultonborough)
  - Additional sites suggested tonight: Wentworth/Coolidge Estate (Portsmouth); Firefighter’s Museum (Franklin); NH Telephone Museum and Indian Museum (Warner); State Historic Sites
  - Agreed that all had greatly enjoyed past field trips.
  
- **Community Day, Sat. May 13** – Volunteers needed 9am-3pm, if even for just an hour

- **Art Chair Project** – a Community Arts project planned by the Franklin Cultural Alliance, a group from “Franklin for a Lifetime”. FHS will enter a chair; Leigh described plans for decoupage of copies of historic photos of Franklin, onto chair that was earlier donated.
- **May Meeting Presentation: “Items Scanned but Not Owned by the Society”** – including from the Library and from individuals, by Leigh Webb.
- **1941 Federal fire engine, Franklin Fire Dept. Engine #3** – owned by the Fireman’s Assoc. They *may* be selling it. Preference would be that it stay in Franklin – FHS offered to find storage, and maintain it. Could be used in parades with FHS sign on sides; Steve would drive.
- **Investment strategy** – Leigh planning to talk with FHS’ investment manager – will give update next month.
- **Exhibit display-stand purchase:**
  - Leigh asked: invest in 4 stands for the uniform and porch displays: on Amazon @ \$40, for total of \$160. Motion made by Linda Geiler, seconded by Andy Nadeau.
  - Discussion: if we like them, can easily order more. Suggested that purchase be made on Smile.Amazon, % goes to Opera House.
  - Motion *passed* by show of hands.
- **History of the Mills** – Andy Nadeau brought copies of his book to sell: \$20.00 each.

**Next meeting:** May 4, 2017

**Adjournment** –9:12pm

Submitted by Karen Darling, Recording Secretary