

# **Franklin Historical Society**

## **Informal Meeting Minutes- Thursday, July 7, 2016**

*Minutes taken by member Dan Cerat in the absence of the secretary Karen Darling*

### **Prior to the Meeting:**

July Program: Dick Batchelder gave an informative presentation with a slideshow of the restoration of the 2011 White Island Lighthouse Walkway. White Island is the southwestern-most island of the Isles of Shoals.

*Following the presentation, an array of refreshments were provided by Elizabeth Jewell.*

### **Meeting**

The July meeting of the Franklin Historical Society opened at 8:27pm.

Steve Foley led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was observed for all deceased members of the Society.

### **Secretary's Report**

Will be shared at the next meeting as the secretary is not present.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Carleton Ham distributed a financial report. He noted that he added the Fidelity Account in this month's report. He mentioned we could cut expenses if all who have e-mail addresses would share them so that the roster would not need to be printed out. To those with e-mail, it is sent electronically. Leigh currently makes up 25 hard copies of the roster and this is an expense. E-mails could be kept confidential and not actually listed in the roster if members requested this- so that e-mail is ONLY used for sending the roster and not shared in publications/membership roster listing.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Geraldine Iliff and seconded by Linda Pauwels. All were in favor- passed.

### **Field Trip in August**

Leigh mentioned options suggested at the last meeting are: Saint-Gaudens (Cornish, NH), Robert Frost Farm (Derry, NH), New London Historical Society, Potter Place Museums (Andover, NH), Wentworth Coolidge Estate (Portsmouth, NH), Weeks Estate (Lancaster, NH). He asked if there are any other ideas for place to visit- none brought forth.

Leigh mentioned State historic sites are \$4 admission. Saint-Gaudens is \$7 admission and New London and Potter Place would be by donation to their local society. He would have to check if docents are available for New London or Potter Place on a Saturday, so we would need to have a couple dates available to see what would work out for them to receive us.

Possible dates for the trip are: Saturdays, August 6, 13, or 20<sup>th</sup>. We could also see once we have decided on place if we may want to also do lunch in the area we are visiting.

Annette Andreozzi suggested the Weeks Estate. Jack Tobey went about 5 years ago and shared some information on this venue. They have a stuffed bird collection, Weeks was a senator, parking is good, not too much walking and noted the tour is inside but not of the grounds. He said it is a good visit. The drive was brought up and members said it would be a good two hours each way.

Dan Cerat mentioned interest in Saint-Gaudens. A discussion was brought up and it was stated it would be somewhat over an hour each way.

Elizabeth Jewell suggested New London Historical Village. She went last year and shared that it is a tour of several buildings in a village setting with buildings such as: blacksmith shop, violin shop, schoolhouse, hearse shed, fiddle making shop, etc. It is donation only for admission (\$3 per person) and is not a long drive like several of the other possibilities.

The President then called for a vote (show of hands) to see if members could come to a consensus on which place has the most interest. The results are as follows:

Weeks Estate- 3 votes

Saint-Gaudens- 5 votes

New London Historical Village- 8 votes.

Since New London Historical Village was the majority vote, that will be the destination.

Leigh will contact the NLHS to set a date, and send out an e-mail with details as soon as available. He will need to be sure that enough docents are available to receive us so we will need to have a discussion with them on this before final date is determined.

### **Building Report**

Treasurer Carleton spoke on the insurance. He is happy with the proposed coverage/policy and recommends we go ahead with this. Steve Foley had made a motion that building issues be decided without a full membership vote (at a past meeting) and this was accepted so this is just a mention during this meeting to keep us all up to date. A vinyl siding removal and general building/grounds cleanup day will be announced shortly.

### **Cookbook Update**

Elizabeth Jewell, who is leading this endeavor, said the committee will meet again in the Fall (2016)

### **Museum Report**

Leigh stated that last Sunday (July 3<sup>rd</sup>) there were 8 visitors. Volunteer docents are needed and welcome anytime from the membership. The Peddler Bridges book signing didn't attract anybody during museum hours.

### **Franklin Alumni Weekend**

August 5-7<sup>th</sup> We are on their schedule so hopefully many will take the opportunity to visit the museum that weekend.

### **Franklin Community Day**

Several people stopped by the booth, we had a couple sign ups for new members, and sales were good. Sales amounted to \$185. Thanks to those who facilitated the booth.

### **Plant Sale**

The Society generated \$316 in sales and received two new memberships. Some who came to the sale also toured the museum. Leigh handed out applications to join the Society on that day. All in all it was a great day both in sales and in prospective member growth. Thanks to plant donors and sales volunteers: Annette Andreozzi, Elizabeth Jewell (both were organizers), Sally Bussiere, Dan and Karen Darling, Nita Tomaszewski, Mary Foley, and Leanne Hamilton (a new member who came to help and joined that day!). Leigh Webb conducted tours.

### **Gerrish Station** (Boscawen across from State Forest)

No new developments

### **Upside Down Bridge** (in Franklin along Winni River walking trail)

At the Franklin For a Lifetime tour and presentation a couple weeks ago- Marty Parichandwho owns the Kayak company in Buell's Block near Franklin Studio, mentioned creating a mountain bike trail near carwash and upside down bridge area. Leigh talked with him at the end of the presentation and they exchanged contact info as this may be a possible tie-in for both endeavors (interpretive trail and bike path) as Franklin moves forward both with historical preservation and new life in the city.

### **Painting for the Library**

The painting by Betty Jean Bassett that was located at the high school, was being restored by the art teacher and her students to be donated for placement in the Franklin Public Library. Leigh mentioned he had made contact and exchanged information but is unaware of the painting's status due to no reply.

### **Route 3 Sign Use Proposal**

Not yet proposed to the city council, for which Leigh has a response.

### **Program at Sanbornton Historical Society**

July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, "The Genius of the Union: General George Henry Thomas"  
Presenter: Dave Decker Program will be held at the Lane Tavern on Rt. 132 in Sanbornton Square- near post office. All are welcome.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jack Tobey to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm and seconded by ?. All were in favor- passed.