

## FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017

Venue: Webster-Tay House – 7 pm

Program: A slide show of *Photos and Misc. Items not Owned, but Scanned by the Society*, presented by Leigh Webb

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The Business Meeting was called to order by Leigh Webb, President, at 8:20 pm

### Salute to the Flag

**Moment of Silence for Departed Members** – it was noted that E.R. Colcord had passed away.

**Secretary's Report** – The April minutes were circulated.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Circulated by Carlton Ham.

- Motion to accept was made by Ken Ackerson; seconded by Rosemary Mellon; *passed*.
- Discussion by Leigh regarding our investment strategies: Our financial advisor wrote a letter suggesting the same as we discussed earlier—putting all our resources into low interest CD's, so nothing new.

### Unfinished Business:

- **Election of Officers and Board:**
  - Two members' terms expire: Will Clark (willing to continue) and Sally Bussiere (stepping down).
  - Annette Cain willing to serve in slot vacated by Sally.
- Current officers are all willing to continue in their present positions:
  - Leigh A. Webb: President
  - Linda Pauwels: Vice-President
  - Carton C. Ham: Treasurer
  - Bob Morin: Co-Recording Secretary
  - Karen Darling: Co-Recording Secretary
  - Annette Andreozzi: Curator
  - Dan Cerat: Assistant Curator
- Membership present voted to approve the slate presented.
  - Motion to approve the vote by Leigh, seconded by Linda Geiler; *passed*.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Building**
    - Date for garden work day on a Saturday to be announced soon.
    - Vinyl siding removal and painting TBA.
  - **Education** – Chris Lewis, will have update next month.
  - **Cookbook** – no update.

- **Plant Sale** – will be Sunday, June 4 from 10am-2pm. If you have plants to donate, bringing them that morning is ideal; label if you know what they are; if you don't have pots, bagging in double plastic bags works well. There will mostly be annuals for sale – some herbs. Volunteers are also needed that day, even if you do not know plants!
- **Facebook Page update** – “Franklin Historical Society”
  - Steve Foley gave a report: is now “live”; he, Joya, Will and Karen are administrators, and have a schedule of postings: Karen posts weekly segments from the monthly newsletter, Steve posts weekly scans of Mary’s thousands of historic postcards, Joya and Will post photos from the Society.
  - There is difficulty accessing the Page directly from the link to it on the website – Facebook first asks that someone log into Facebook, and several members aren't Facebook users – Dan Darling will look into a work-around to this.
- **Upside-Down Covered Bridge (“Sulphite Bridge”)**
  - Still trying to determine ownership: City or State (but looking like it is the State).
  - Hoping eventually for the erection of an aesthetically compatible handrail, creating a safe pedestrian passage across the bridge, from the Winnepesaukee River Trail (WRT) to the future Mill City Park.
  - Leigh also working with the City for additional signage – if the official “Covered Bridge #62” sign is installed at the WRT entrance at Central Street, there is concern that passersby will assume it is for the Trestle Bridge. Arrangements for a second sign, stating that the location is ¼ mile up the trail with arrow, are underway.
- **Community Day, Sat. May 13** – Volunteers needed 9am-3pm, if even for just an hour. Ken & Elizabeth volunteering 9:30am-noon; maybe Rosemary also.
- **Art Chair Project** – Jim Wells created/donated a wooden chair; Leigh plans to decoupage copies of historic photos of Franklin on it, and cover with epoxy.

### New/Other Business

- **Recent Donations, received from:**
  - Ken Merrifield: 1963 Franklin phone book (when still had 3-digit numbers)
  - Andy Nadeau: 1999 Prom small goblet and box of newspaper clippings and photos.
  - Ben Thornton: 1912 pic of Franklin Mills and 1978 newspaper article.
  - Steve & Mary Foley: Upside-Down Bridge magnets and photo; 1995 Centennial items; business memorabilia.
  - Annette Cain: Opera House minstrel show photo and FHS items from the 1980s.
  - Linda Pauwels: White Mtn. Coin, newspaper articles.
  - Bonnie Randall: dress worn by Sarah Jane Thompson (her husband’s grandmother) and large format colorized tintypes (Electro Graphic Tintypes).
  - Rita Norander: thick folder of photos, newspaper articles, calendars.
  - Thrift Clothes Closet: photo of “kinked” rails
  - Linda Keegan: “Oriental” art

- **Programs for 2017 (see Nov. 2016 minutes for suggestions)** – will be announced soon; possible September talk on “Railroads”
  
- **Field Trip in August**
  - Suggestion to add to possibilities: Wright Museum, Wolfeboro. Many had visited and enjoyed. Limited number of passes available from Library.
  - June meeting will narrow down choices, and especially date, as some people’s calendars filling quickly.
  
- **June Meeting Presentation: “Mary Baker Eddy”** by members of the Sanbornton Historical Society

**Next meeting:** June 2, 2017

**Adjournment:** 8:56pm

Submitted by Karen Darling, Recording Secretary