

February 2nd, 2023, meeting of the Franklin Historical Society Directors and Officers
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President, Leigh Webb

In attendance:

Leigh Webb	Chris Lewis	Sandra Burney
Annette Andreozzi	Linda Pauwels	Glenn Morrill
Dan Darling	Rita Norander	Frank Genus
Karen Darling	John Benham	

Election of directors and officers —if you do not wish to continue in your present position, please submit the name or names of those you know who would be willing to serve in your stead. The only real requirement of office is to commit to attending at least most of the regular monthly meetings, to vote on any issue before the membership.

- The two directors whose terms are expiring are John Benham and Chris Seufert. John is willing to continue; Chris was not present, but also willing to continue.
- Linda Pauwels is stepping down as Vice President – suggested Frank Genus
- Karen Darling is stepping down as Recording Secretary. Leigh clarified that the recording secretary may be *any* member, does not need to be a Board member.

Building – Communication with Easter Seals can be sporadic – questioning situation of our building's heat* and their proposed use of the property. Leigh checked approx. cost of independent heating:

- Using fuel oil: \$20,000 + delivery (+ lining the 5-story chimney: \$1500-\$2000)
- Using electric: 3 zones @ \$2000 each with a separate heater, in addition to the above figure. The chimney would not have to be lined.

Investments - Recovering from considerable dip in value. Ratio is now 20% cash (money market paying a small return) until May*, to reassess the need for a significant outlay of monies.

*Cash reserves restricted from add'l investment because of possible outlay of expenses related to an independent heating system for the building.

Program suggestions for monthly meetings

- April – Kearsarge Mountain Boys
- History of the Babbitt House (Paul Doucette photos)
- Historical Homes of Franklin
- Buildings Gone (or About to be)
- Then & Now RPPCs
- History of Conservation Commission (1970s)
- History of First Day, Ken Norton
- Franklin Library
- Famous Speeches by Daniel Webster (Liberty & Union...)
- Daniel Webster Talk (invite 4th/5th grades)
- Education Committee Projects

Photos – if individuals have connection with individuals who have lots of historical Franklin photos, it's wonderful to suggest they let the Historical Society *scan* them for reference; will return quickly.

Status of the Martin Memorial Exhibit

- Today, the framers announced these were ready to pick up.
- Will pay from regular account, then transfer from Martin account.

Raise yearly dues? The Board considered a possible increase, with Lifetime membership increased to \$200 but keep \$10 regular membership, etc.

Facebook report (Karen) -- no adjustments/problems that need to be addressed. Have “likes” on every post, including by the Mayor. Occasional questions/offers come through personal messages, forwarded on to President.

Events: Community Day, Maintenance (painting needed) & Gardening Day, Plant Sale, Andover's Old Time Fair

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.