

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting

October 2, 2025

Program “**More Treasures from the Franklin Public Library**” by Leigh Webb

Refreshments (Chris Lewis)

Business meeting:

- Called to order by Leigh at 8pm. Opened with “silly definition” of “neck”
- Salute to the Flag led by Linda Pauwels
- Moment of Silence for departed members
- **Secretary’s Report** by Karen Darling. **Motion** by Linda, seconded by Frank Genus *to accept the minutes of the September meeting*, ***passed unanimously.***
- **Treasurer’s Report** by Dan Darling; in good shape, modest gain in Fidelity Account. Checking account balance includes installment of insurance account paid. **Motion** made by Elizabeth Jewell, seconded by Joan Shanellaris, *to accept the financial report* – ***passed unanimously.***
 - Insurance walk-through recently; Leo Paquin of A.W. Frost looking into whether we need full coverage, or only “tenants policy”.

Old and/or Continuing Business:

- Moving the propane tanks.... location decided by Easterseals, on far side of building from heater. They are paying to move the tanks and plumbing required.
- Letter to City Manager and City Council – asking that book designating original boundaries of the town of Franklin, be put in safe storage at the Historical Society while City Hall being renovated.
 - Letter drafted by Leigh; officers in attendance signed.

Committee Reports:

- Building (Leigh) —rose gardens were pruned, to be thinned in the spring
- FaceBook update (Frank) – good community, participation
- Education Committee (Chris) – link for submission of remembrances from participating in Franklin schools will be posted on website; will consider high school students interviewing nursing home residents.
 - Kathy Fuller would like to see revolving slideshow of photos display for commemoration of high school’s 150th.
 - Next meeting Oct. 24
- Curator (Annette Andreozzi) —the many donations noted in the newsletter

New/Other Business:

- Presentation to current resident Veterans—history of the area; none came the first time, three the second. One of those attendees came tonight, had lots of questions.
- Books were finally donated to the Veterans Campus.

Announcements:

- Dec. 6 and 13, Christmas Fair, Sanbornton
- FHS Christmas Potluck, tentatively Dec. 14 (second Sat) at Thompson Hall. Frank offered 2 turkeys.

Any other business/late items:

- Mason building is for sale – Franklin group merging with Tilton. Recommended we be proactive about salvaging historic items: includes stage curtain “Old Man of the Mountain”; Linda’s grandfather’s picture and documents; kitchen named after her mother. Noted that John Benham is a current member – will ask him to formally ask, so that pieces of history are not lost.
- Historical Society’s website has message that it is “not secure”. Dan will look into this.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov 6th, “The Story of Lt. Col. Bernice Sinclair in WWII”

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Karen Darling, Assistant Secretary