

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

4 April 2019

Venue: Webster-Tay House– 7 pm

Program: “**Amazing New Acquisitions**” slide show and presentation by John Benham, highlighting a Clark and Haynes pump

Refreshments

7:55pm -- the Business Meeting was called to order by Leigh Webb, President

Salute to the Flag

Moment of Silence for Departed Members - especially remembering Violet Dyer and Sondra Masse

Secretary's Report – November 1, 2018 minutes (our last meeting) were posted on-line as draft.

Motion made by Karen Gryzlak, seconded by Linda Pauwels, to accept the minutes; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – treasurer was not able to attend. Copy of the report (not very legible) was shared by the President. **Motion** made by Elizabeth Jewell, seconded by Annette Andreozzi, to accept report; *passed*.

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

Building —3rd floor vinyl removal, clapboard and window sill restoration/repair awaiting word on boom lift availability or rental (Chris Schroeder, Beck & Belucci seeing if they can loan a large boom)

Cook Book Comm—good sales continue, with outlet at Franklin Studio; Elizabeth Jewell and Dan Darling of that committee stated that the work of the committee is finished.

Education Comm—4th grade field trip, **would need docents** –working on transportation (school buses); if not in May/June will be in the Fall; 2 trunks donated by Steve Foley for additional school programs. “Then & Now” program has been in use in the schools

Projects update: *Plaque for “Sentinel Pine”*— dropped for the time being, due to no response from property owner

New/Other Business:

Dues – mentioned in the April newsletter

Refreshment assignments – sign-up sheet was circulated

Election of Officers and Board Members at MAY MEETING – slate of directors will be voted on

Porter Young films: last two digitized over winter – include Cog Railway and Mojolaki circa 1930; \$260 expenditure to be approved. **Motion** made by Steve, seconded by Linda, to authorize this expenditure; *passed*.

Lock box – Franklin Fire and Police would have access; costs \$89

Andover caboose – Rita and Bob Norander – it needs some repair, seeking volunteers

Birthplace security update – by default, we are “friends of the Birthplace”; needing security work

Franklin Historical “Planned Giving” Society – via Franklin Savings Bank’s Independent Financial Advisors

Events and Monthly Presentations—NO July meeting – tentative topics/dates:

- June – NH Historical Markers
- August – suggested that each individual choose an historic place they’ve never been to, take photos, share your visits the next month
- September – Cog Railway
- October – maybe new digitized films
- November – Then & Now slides

Proofs of printer’s blocks: from Concord Photo Engraving, Max Otto, Owner (he refused payment); are plates of maps from 1890s

Recent Donations: Carlton Ham: a box of booklets, photos, ephemera, and over 100 postcards; Susan Blair (principal of PSS): three quilts by students of the school; Debbie Kulacz: 1908 pc of the Webster Birthplace, id’d as in Salisbury; Friend of the Society: Autograph Album of George F. Sweat (first Franklin casualty in the Civil War – GAR room is named for him) while attending the Boscawen and Franklin Academies, 1858-1860, and more than twenty stereocards from the Cog RW and the White Mountain area RR’s.

[See reverse for those items donated between December and March]

Announcements:

- Hill Historical Society: Tues, April 16, “Hurricane of 1938” at Hill Library
- 4th Annual Plant Sale, Sun, June 23, 10am-2pm – we’ll be selling your donated plants, also garden tools and figurines, etc. See Annette Andreozzi with questions
- Open House will be every Saturday, 10am-2pm, from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends
- Andover Fair, 1st Sunday in August, booth by Andover Historical Society
- Steve Foley announced recent passing of Terry Schneider

Next Month: “Richard Potter: America’s First Black Celebrity” By John A. Hodgson

Adjournment – 9:15pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary