

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting

August 7, 2025

Program: “A Brief History of the Webster Farm Environs” with Leigh Webb

Refreshments by Karen Darling

Before the meeting, a funny definition was shared for “firmness”.

Business meeting:

- Salute to the Flag led by Linda Pauwels
- Moment of Silence for departed members
- Secretary’s Report –by Annette Cain, seconded by Frank Genus, *to accept the minutes of the June 2025 meeting as submitted; motion passed unanimously.*
- Treasurer’s Report—paper copies were distributed in Dan Darling’s absence, by Karen Darling. *Motion made by Linda, seconded by Annette Cain, to accept the report as written; motion passed unanimously.*

Old and/or Continuing Business:

- Library “sojourn of discovery” continues soon, with Kathy Fuller, Leigh and Annette Andreozzi to convene at Franklin Public Library soon.
- Signage! Thanks to David Liberatore, and to the Fife family, the Franklin Historical Society sign is back up on Route 3.
- Gmail issue – should now be resolved, but members asked to check their Spam if not received in their Gmail Inbox by second day of the month.

Committee Reports:

- Building—no update on talks re: burying the propane tank(s), possibly on western side of the building (?)
- Garden cleanup – some done by Leigh
- FaceBook update, Frank Genus – all working well, nice engagement
- Education Committee, Chris Lewis –
 - Meeting Aug. 12, working on history of schools in Franklin, both for FHS program in September, and 2026 is 150th anniversary of Franklin High School
 - Questions for members about transportation/bus to school
- Curator—donations noted in the newsletter; wedding dress display?
- Roster – for first time, only one “draft” needed by Karen & Leigh!

New/Other Business: None

Announcements:

- Sanbornton program: Aug. 14, History of Grappone family/company
- Salisbury:
 - Museum open Saturdays 1-3 pm through August.
 - Aug. 9, 2025 is Old Home Day in Salisbury with a lot going on. Museums will be open, cemetery walk is being planned, raffle and merchandise tables.
 - Sept. 16, 6:30pm is a presentation on Civil War Soldier's Quilts presented by Pam Weeks.
 - Dec. 6 and 13, Christmas Fair.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4th, "History of Schools in Franklin", with Chris Lewis

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Karen Darling, Assistant Secretary