



Municipal Building – Town of Franklin  
355 East Central Street  
Franklin, MA 02038

## Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

### **Meeting Minutes August 18, 2009**

#### **Attending:**

##### Commissioners:

Del Arnold  
Dianne Brunner  
Bob Percy  
Alice Vendetti

##### Visiting:

Dianne Brunner  
Glenn Jones

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The Commission approved the last meeting's minutes from 6/16/09.

Commission members are welcome to check the Commission's mail box at the Town Offices, and to notify Commission members of any timely issues before the next meeting.

#### **Finances**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Commission Membership**

Dianne Brunner is scheduled to be approved as a member of the Historical Commission by the Town Council on August 19<sup>th</sup>..

## **New Business**



### **Refurbishing the Museum (80 West Central St.)**

Debbie P. is attending weekly project meetings concerning the changes happening in the new Town Historical Museum. Work will begin within the week. New windows will take an estimated 10 weeks to arrive.

Debbie has been notified by people who are willing to help move inventory from 150 Emmons St. into the new space.

It is our understanding that staff and students at Tri-County School will be helping to refurbish the library section of the new museum during the upcoming academic year.

Keigan Chevrolet of Franklin is going out of business, and has office furniture that they will not need. Some items may be of use in work areas of the new museum.

### **Museum Inventory**

Dianne and Del continue to make great progress in placing many hundreds of photographs in order.

Del reports that there are still 35 boxes full of items that need to be inventoried.

Debbie and Del identified items in the new museum that could be used by people at the new senior center, such as hats, ribbons, Xmas items, and other materials. DPW kindly delivered them to the senior center.

Marie Daddario has the Bi-Centennial quilt of the town. The Commission is trying to determine the best way to display this upcoming addition to the Museum.

For efficiency and best handling of items, Del requests that a Commission member accompany any volunteer helpers.

Bruce Varjian of Wrentham, formerly of Franklin, would like to volunteer.

Del gave Bob P. a CD that contained records from former Historical Commission Chair Carol Harper.

### **Interview Tapes**

Stella Joan, Franklin cable TV personality who has interviewed many town residents, is moving out of town. Del has expressed an interest in obtaining copies of these interviews on DVD. We would also like to obtain copies of any tapes that contain presentations by Barbara Smith and Debbie Pellegrini.

### **Walking Tour of Downtown Franklin**

Bob had previously sent out a draft of a proposed walking tour of the Town to Commission members. At this meeting, Debbie and Del provided Bob with a large amount of very helpful information about the specific houses on the tour route and their history.

### **Four Corners School**

The Commission has not yet found any pictures of students who attended the Four Corners School, as a possible addition to the historic plaque to be erected on that spot as part of the construction of the new Walgreen's store. Town Councillor Judith Pfeiffer once attended the former Four Corners School, and said she would see if she had any from her time there.

### **Use of The Former Horace Mann Museum**

We discussed the possibility that the subject of the continued use of the former Museum on Washington St. would be coming before the Town Council. It will soon be time to decide how the building is to be used.

### **Evening of Recollection**

The Commission discussed the possibility of bringing some hard-to-identify photographs to the new Senior Center for an evening get-together. The Historical Commission needs help in this area, and would like to tap the long memories of our citizens for assistance.

### **Annual Report**

Bob agreed to write and send to Debbie a summary of the Commission's activities for the past year, to be included in the Town's Annual Report.

**Housing Rehab Requests -- None**

**Demolition Requests – None**

**Research Requests – None**

**Correspondence**

We received notice from Simmons College that there are Simmons students who may be seeking internships involving historical archives. These students may be able to provide “finding aids” and other tools. (The contact person is Jeannette Bastion: [jeannette.bastian@simmons.edu](mailto:jeannette.bastian@simmons.edu).)

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