

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2014

**Commissioners Present: Del Arnold, Connie Lawson, Mary Olsson, Debbie Pellegrini, Bob Percy. Absent: Colette Ferguson, Marlene Oliver.**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, as amended, from March 18, 2014.**

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None.

**C. APPOINTMENTS** – None.

**D. PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**E. DISCUSSIONS/VOTES**

E1. Visitor's Guide – There's been progress. We've decided to rename this book to the "Display Reference". We can display each page as a display card next to its corresponding display. We can then expand on each piece's content at will. Display cards can be laminated or covered with plexiglass.

E2. Movie Night – We moved the showing of "1776" to Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Bob will host. Mary will handle the publicity. Popcorn and water will be served. Admission – bring a canned good or non-perishable item for the Franklin Food Pantry.

E3. Volunteer Meeting/Outcome/Report (Mary) – Volunteers at this meeting filled out a form of their interests. Mary created a 3-ring binder of articles and brochures as a resource for hosts. We are now calling this the "Volunteer Resource Manual".

E4. Proposed Town Wide Yard Sale at the Museum – Too much work, we decided not to pursue this.

E5. Horace Mann/Stamp Day May 4<sup>th</sup> – Mary is creating a Horace Mann display for this event. We can use this display in the future as well.

E6. Wedding Gown Display – Mary will put out a call for wedding gowns.

**F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

F1. Web Subcommittee (Minessa, Bob, Mary) – nothing new to report.

F2. Displays – move of clothing to the upstairs. We need to order more large acid-free boxes to store them properly.

F3. Signage for Displays – Connie is working on better labeling for the eyeglasses display.

F4. Grant Writing (Bob, Minessa, Caitlin) – We briefly discussed the possible need for a grant to accession and organize items donated by Barbara Smith.

**G. OLD BUSINESS** – nothing new to report on these items.

**H. NEW BUSINESS** – nothing new to report.

**I. FINANCES** – Nothing new to report.

**J. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- Franklin Cultural District - Debbie handed out copies of a new map of the downtown that shows Franklin's cultural assets and venues. Brian Taberner is managing this new organization, as part of the town's new master plan, and has asked Debbie and Del to join. The outcome will be a map to help us identify significant locations in the downtown area.
- Del will no longer be an attending member of the Franklin Downtown Partnership, and suggests someone from the Historical Commission attend. Meetings are typically held the first Thursday of each month, at 7:30AM, at Dean College's Golden Room (above the cafeteria). Public meetings with the Franklin Downtown Partnership take place in the same room on alternate Thursdays at 8:30AM.
- Wayne Spencer will come to look at the defective glass cabinet near the rear of the main floor.
- There's water damage in the upstairs ceiling around the trap door to the belfry. The Commission needs someone to examine the damage and in general to provide us with access (a key) to that space.

**K. Friends of the Franklin Historical Museum (FFHM)** – Nothing new.

**L. OTHER**

Housing Rehab Requests – None

Demolition Requests – None

Research Requests – None

**M. ADJOURN** - Vote to adjourn, 5-0