

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts
Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2014

Commissioners Present: Colette Ferguson, Connie Lawson, Debbie Pellegrini, Bob Percy. Absent: Mary Olsson.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from June 17, 2014.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

C. APPOINTMENTS – Del Arnold and Marlene Oliver have both announced their intention to resign from the Historical Commission. We are very sorry to hear this, and are deeply grateful for their many years of dedication to the museum and to the history of the town.

Minessa Konecky has expressed an interest in becoming a full member. The Commission approved her appointment 4-0. Minessa plans to write an official letter of application for that purpose, for approval by the Town Council.

D. PRESENTATIONS: None

E. DISCUSSIONS/VOTES

(See Demo Requests, under OTHER.)

Veteran's Display – is next. We agreed to have the wedding dresses on display for an additional month. Because the veterans' uniforms display will take place later in the year, there is no need to take down the dresses so soon.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

F1. Web Subcommittee (Minessa, Bob, Mary) – Minessa posted a movie trailer for “1776” in advance of movie night.

F2. Grant Writing – Nothing new.

F3. MuseumTrek – (A museum scavenger hunt app for a smart phone). Mary and Bob plan to coordinate with Tim Cook to film inside the museum, as young actors go on a scavenger hunt.

F4. Displays – (see Discussions/Votes).

F5. Computer Inventory – Mary and Bob plan to meet to familiarize themselves with PastPerfect well enough, if possible, to teach an available volunteer.

F6. Carpenter work near Restrooms – We will not pursue this.

F7. Movie Night – “1776” on June 29th was a success, though lightly attended. We served popcorn and handed out copies of the Declaration of Independence at the conclusion of the evening.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G1. Charter School Tree Project – completed, but students' findings are unknown (end of school year). Will revisit this in September.

G2. Lease Old Museum – ongoing.

G3. Wall construction and display panels – On Hold.

G4. Album/Record conversion project - ongoing. We need to coordinate to obtain the proper acid-free sleeves for the old 78 rpm records.

G5. Walking tour – on hold.

G6. Chilson films conversion from VHS to digital (Bob Oliver) – ongoing.

G7. Bell – plans are ongoing for DPW to bring the bell from the belfry of the old museum to the belfry of the current museum.

H. NEW BUSINESS – None.

I. FINANCES (FFHM) – The account has ~ 8K.

J. MEMBERS' COMMENTS – None.

K. OTHER

Housing Rehab Requests – None

Demolition Requests:

406 East Central St.— approved 4-0.

636-664 East Central St. — approved 4-0. Attending the meeting were Ron Roux, Manager, Village at Cook's Farm, and Christopher Cook, Trustee of Cook's Farm Realty Trust.

92 Wachusett St. — approved 4-0.

Research Requests – None

L. ADJOURN - Vote to adjourn, 4-0