

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts
Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2014

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, as amended, from July 15, 2014.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

C. APPOINTMENTS – Minessa has been approved by the Town Council as a new member of the Historical Commission. Congratulations! Mary has renewed her membership.

D. PRESENTATIONS: None

E. DISCUSSIONS/VOTES

Bob Oliver/Film project – nothing new.

Colette/Framing – Motion: to complete the veteran's framing project. Passed 4-0 with one abstention. The goal is to complete this work by Veteran's Day.

Motion: to make FFHM funds available to pay for the veteran's framing project. Passed 5-0.

Mary/Audio conversion – Mary is working with a volunteer from Framingham State. She will order record sleeves from Gaylord, and bill FFHM (via Debbie).

Debbie/Old Museum – On hold. No use for the old museum by the Franklin Housing Authority has been approved by the Historical Commission.

Debbie/Old fire pumper to be taken to the museum – We're planning to install it out in front of the Museum.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

F1. Web Subcommittee (Minessa, Bob, Mary) – Minessa posted an improved version of the Franklin Vital Records to the Museum website. She also installed a spam filter for the museum's email account. She has received an inquiry about Oliver and Thankful Fisher (married 8/20/1816) by someone who will be visiting the area in mid-October. Bob will update the member information on the Commission website.

F2. Computer inventory – We don't currently have inhouse expertise to train someone on PastPerfect. Ideally, we would obtain a grant to fund a part time curator adept at this, and who could train others.

F3. MuseumTrek – Tim Cook and film crew have done extensive filming. He will return to take some still shots of items of interest to be part of our Trek. (We will need some good signage for those items that are to appear in the Trek.)

F4. Displays – Planning to have the veterans uniform display run from 11/1 or 11/11 thru New Year's Day. This year we will emphasize WWI.

A General policy note for the Commission: we will attempt to display gowns from people who have Franklin connections, but this would ultimately depend on the historical or aesthetic value of the dress.

F5. Volunteer training – This meeting is set for Sat. 8/23.

F6. Reference Room – Debbie has made lots of progress. Lots of cabinet space and a side table are there now.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G1. Wall construction near display/hats case – On Hold.

G2. Bell – On going. 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) – Current balance: \$8,652.02.

J. MEMBERS' COMMENTS – Anne Giordano has put together a slide show of beautiful Franklin postcards that we would love to have a copy of.

K. OTHER

Housing Rehab Requests – None

Demolition Requests: -- None.

Research Requests – None

L. ADJOURN - Vote to adjourn, 5-0