

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts
Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2014

Commissioners Present: Colette Ferguson, Minessa Konecky, Connie Lawson, Mary Olsson, Debbie Pellegrini, Bob Percy. **Absent:** None.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from August 19, 2014.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

C. APPOINTMENTS – Debbie has spoken to two prospective folks you would like to join us.

D. PRESENTATIONS: None

E. DISCUSSIONS/VOTES

Bob Oliver/Film project – Bob O. plans to join us next meeting to talk about this.

Harvest Festival – Akin Bak Farm will set up in front. Colette is planning to buy cider and donuts to serve on the porch.

NEMA membership – Debbie has renewed our membership. We can now reestablish a login and password to their website.

A NEMA conference is coming up (11/19 thru 11/21). One or more of us is likely to attend, sponsored by FFHM funds.

Veteran Picture Framing – Much work has gone into this effort (Colette, Minessa, and Connie). With Jane Curran's guidance and expertise, this project is coming to a rapid completion. Another project funded by FFHM. There will be a total of 14 framed WWII veterans pictures.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

F1. Web Subcommittee (Minessa, Bob, Mary) – Minessa and Bob have agreed to collaborate on creating a pushpin map of street addresses of the Franklin WWI veterans who lost their lives in the war.

F2. Veteran's Display – Ongoing.

F3. Volunteers – Mary has another meeting on 9/21. She is planning to show 5 new volunteers how to host.

F4. Reference Room (Debbie) – Ongoing.

F5. Jane's Frames – see **Veteran Picture Framing**.

F6. Record Albums (Mary) – We are working on getting the 78 RPM records back from Mark Brady.

F7. Computers/IT, Archeological Preservation, Eyeglasses Display:

- Minessa has been in touch with the town IT department. We would like the PCs in the library to have the regular suite of MS Office applications (esp. Word). She also discussed having PastPerfect installed there, so that people could view output reports such as virtual museum displays.
- Minessa looked into an archeological site bylaw. Only 11 towns in MA have one. She plans to look into this further. We also discussed having someone from the Nipmuck Indian tribe to come speak to us.
- The eyeglasses display is underway downstairs.

G. OLD BUSINESS

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

G2. Bell Move from Washington St. to Museum – Not going to happen.

G3. Computer Inventory (Bob, Mary) – not applicable now.

G4. MuseumTrek (Mary, Bob) – Ongoing.

G5. Old Museum (Debbie) – Ongoing. The Franklin Housing Authority is still interested in using it. We need to locate grant money to assist in preserving this town treasure.

G6. Old Fire Pumper to be taken to the Museum (Debbie) Ongoing.

H. NEW BUSINESS – None.

I. FINANCES (FFHM) – Current balance: \$8,787.04.

J. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

K. OTHER

Housing Rehab Requests – None

Demolition Requests: -- A motion to allow the demolition of the structure at 652 Old West Central St passed 6-0.

Research Requests – None

L. ADJOURN - Voted to adjourn, 6-0 or we'd still be there.