

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2014

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

**Absent:** None.

**Visiting:** Phyllis Malcolm.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from October 21, 2014. Approved.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None.

**C. APPOINTMENTS** – We have two candidates for the open slot on the Commission.

**D. PRESENTATIONS** -- None.

**E. DISCUSSIONS/VOTES**

**Newly framed pictures of WWII veterans** -- We discussed ways to best display the frames of WWII veterans. We need a sturdy rack system, likely wall-mounted, that can hold more than a dozen large frames. Various options: have Tri-County work on this, or buy a finished solution from the Gaylord catalog. We may be able to learn more from the upcoming NEMA conference in Cambridge.

**F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

F1. Web Subcommittee (Minessa, Bob, Mary) – Minessa is responding to online requests for information from ex-Franklinites.

F2. Volunteers – Mary knows of another person who is willing to host. Debbie is in touch with someone who is already familiar with PastPerfect and can help us in cataloging.

F3. Reference Room (Debbie) – Ongoing.

F4. Record Albums – Volunteer Dan has been entering data about our audio records into PastPerfect and working with Mary on this.

F5. Computers/IT, Archeological Preservation – Minessa has done some research in this area. Some MA towns (such as Aquinnah) have a guideline in place for Archeological Heritage Protection. If we decided to move forward with it, we would propose it to the town planning board, and then to the town council.

F6. Chilson Film Project – Ongoing. Bob Oliver reports that he does not need to purchase a storage device for this project.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

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

G2. Computer Inventory (Bob, Mary) – Ongoing.

G3. MuseumTrek (Mary, Bob) – Haven't heard back.

G4. Old Museum (Debbie) – The town has hired an architect to see what work needs to be done. \$7900. Was spent for the survey. The plan is to renovate the building then apply for National Historical Register status for it.

**H. NEW BUSINESS** – Holiday Stroll will be Thurs., 12/4 from 4 to 8. Mrs. Claus will be there. Hot chocolate and candy canes. A craft for kids will be available: making stamped ornaments and decorative chains.

The Museum is not well attended on Thursdays in mid-winter. A Motion: to close the Museum on Thursdays in January and February. Passed 6-0.

**I. FINANCES (FFHM)** – The current balance is ~\$6200.

**J. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**K. DEMOLITION REQUESTS** – nothing new. After last month's meeting, pertaining to the demolition request for 23 Cottage St. (which passed 5-0), Bob sent a letter to Building Inspector Brown and Debbie for the Clerk's records.

**L. ADJOURN** - Voted to adjourn, 6-0.

