



Town of Franklin Massachusetts
Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023

Commission Members Present: Paul Pisani, Jan Prentice, Scott Mason, Phyllis Malcolm, Mary Olsson,
Associate Member Kai Olsson; Archivist Rowan

Minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting were accepted as written

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS: Phyllis Malcolm was reappointed to the CPC

PRESENTATIONS: Almont Green gave a presentation on the upgraded easier to use Ai1 Software that has been installed into the iC4k. He has been working with Paul, instructing him on the use and ease of uploading photos and even video. He left us with a users manual as well.

DEMOLITION REQUESTS: None

FFHM Report: No members present

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **TREASURER:** There are invoices from Gate House (legal notices), Allegra Printing, and a reimbursement for Paul (small computer) to submit. We have about \$1,100 left to spent before those are submitted.
- **ARCHIVIST update:** Rowan's position has been approved for Full Time as of July 1st. She intends to amend museum hours slightly so that people can drop items off week days during her working hours. She continues to work on cataloging, scanning, and putting together research materials. She may create an accession shelf. She is considering an iPad or tablet for finding aids. She is also considering a Newsletter down the road. She will continue to head the exhibit committee. Digitizing will be done eventually but it is a low priority at the moment. A question came up about the exhibit committee, they are a sub committee of the commission and will submit ideas to the commission for approval. Rowan wants to confirm that with Jamie.
- **Second Sunday Speaker Series :** Jim Johnston is scheduled for July 9th. Scott said a colleague of his, Alan Young, does presentations on Antique License Plates and Antique signage. He will find out about his availability and fees.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Strawberry Stroll Review:** It was well attended despite have to go to the rain date. We had many new visitors. The band scheduled to play had to cancel, Kai stepped in and played guitar. The free popcorn was popular. The Friends had a table with gift items on the porch as well. Thank you to all who helped to make it a success.
- **Local Historic Districts –** We will table for now
- **Master Plan –** We will table for now

NEW BUSINESS:

- Demolition Delay Bylaw Review – Jamie emailed a report provided by Julie Jacobson which was distributed to the Commission Members for review. There was discussion about what changes we might want to make to the bylaw, i.e. having a rolling 70 or 75 year time frame; could we add wording to include, if there are no plans to present to the commission, should we defer a decision on a demolition request, can a public hearing be left open to delay a vote. Mary is to meet with Jamie in the coming weeks to further discuss.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Jan would like to participate in the demo delay sub-committee. Paul, Scott and Alan are interested as well.
- Phyllis said Alan Earls will be speaking at St. Mary's in Wrentham at 10AM the following Wednesday.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM