

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2018, 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Mary Olsson, Phyllis Malcolm, Paul Pisani, Richard Remillard

Absent: Colette Ferguson, Robert Percy, Jeremy Ball

Visiting: Brock Leiendecker

Meeting called to order at 6:40PM.

- A. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of November 13, 2018 approved vote 4-0-0
- B. Citizen Comments** – None
- C. Appointments** – None
- D. Presentations** – None
- E. Demolition Requests** – None
- F. Friends Group (FFHM)** – No one present from Friends. Mary stated that all ornaments are gone and calendars are selling.
- G. Discussions/Vote** – None
- H. Subcommittee Reports**
 - a.** Treasurer's Report (Phyllis) – Balance is \$3643.00
 - b.** Active subcommittees
 1. Hosting Schedule – Mary stated that she will be doing 2 months at time.
 2. Volunteer training, scheduling, and coordination – meeting still set for Sunday February 3, 2019.
 3. Events and scheduling – Mary said that the list of second Sunday speakers and events for 2019 has been sent to the Friends. Amount being requested is over \$2000.00. Alan Earls will be January's speaker and topic is Anarchists Bombing.
 4. Event preparation and display – Colette and Phyllis – nothing
 5. Accessioning donations into Past Perfect – Jeremy and Paul – on hold
 6. Monthly Publicity – Mary – Will be doing January's
 7. Social Media – Mary – going strong on Facebook over 1000 likes
 8. Downtown Partnership – Phyllis- had not had info on when next meeting would be held.
 9. Cultural District – Mary – Nothing new to report.

I. Events

a. Second Sunday Speakers

1. December 9th – The Oliver Pond House in Context, Part 2 – James Johnston- attended by many.

b. Holiday Happenings – Mrs. Claus at the museum on Saturday December 8th , 11AM- 1PM – turned out not as many children as would normally been here if it were still on a Thursday night. Also many other things going on at same time.

J. Old Business

1. Museum Logo – Mary brought samples of new logos. Logo samples will be put on our next agenda for discussion and vote.
2. Second Sunday Speakers (Mary) list sent to Friends for approval.
3. Upcoming report from archivist (Sara-Jane Poindexter) Mary said she was hoping to hear by end of week 12/14/18.
4. Sign for old Horace Mann school (FFHM) – Mary said she wasn't sure if it had arrived yet.
5. "Franklin" Trowbridge piano salvage – Remy & Paul. Paul stated that he has put part of the piano on casters so it can be moved and plexi glass for the front will cost \$200.00.
6. Museum website (Bob & Mary) Mary said that the new website is ready to go and that she has to meet with Jeremy on some issues.
7. Digital Commonwealth scanning at BPL (Bob, Jeremy) nothing new
8. Proposed change to demo bylaw (Jeremy) – nothing new
9. Scanning parties – no dates have been set
10. IC4K content maintenance – Mary said that scanned photos will be placed in a group to be placed in IC4K.
11. Rotating contents of display cases – on hold
12. Siding work – progress – on hold

K. New Business

Roving archivist update – the town has received 3 dozen applicants for the position, they are now sorting through them and will schedule an interview for 6 people chosen.

L. Commissioners' Comments

Mary said that Mr. Johnston approached her regarding a donation of some of his historical items in memory of his mother Clara. The Victorian Room would be used for these items. A discussion and vote of use of the Victorian Room in memory of his mother will be taken up at the next meeting as well as a discussion and vote for a second room. Mr. Johnston would be responsible for setting up the rooms.

Phyllis stated that she has seen on Facebook that people are interested in purchasing postcards of Franklin.

M. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM