

# Town of Franklin, Massachusetts

## Historical Commission

### Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2018

**Commissioners Present:** Mary Olsson, Phyllis Malcolm, Colette Ferguson, Jeremy Ball

**Associate Members Present:** Paul Pisani

**Absent:** Bob Percy

**Visiting:** None

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS**

- a. Mary called the meeting to order at 6:30

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as submitted with no corrections.

#### **C. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS** – None

#### **D. APPOINTMENTS** – None

#### **E. PRESENTATIONS** – None

#### **F. DEMOLITION REQUESTS** – None

#### **G. FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM (FFHM)** – None

#### **H. DISCUSSION /VOTE** – None

#### **I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Treasurer’s Report (Phyllis Malcolm) –
  - i. We have spent about \$2000 of our \$6000 budget
  - ii. Any outstanding receipts need to be reconciled by the end of June
- b. List of active subcommittees
  - i. Mary will get a list of the active subcommittees compiled in advance of the June meeting, and we will get commitments from individuals to provide help on a monthly basis
  - ii. Volunteers may need training on researching, archiving, using Past Perfect, etc.

#### **J. EVENTS** –

- a. Recent events were:
  - i. 4/21 – special reception for the players from the original 1953 Little League team
  - ii. 4/22 – Appraisal day
  - iii. 4/27 – “Taste of Art Week”
  - iv. 4/28 – Art Week – art performance in the FHM, with Dennis Ferguson performing on the Trowbridge piano
  - v. 4/29 – Art Week – Prolatio Singers
  - vi. 5/3 – Art Week – Jon Ceander Mitchell, retired UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra conductor
  - vii. 5/5 – Art Week – Notable Blend
  - viii. 5/6 – Art Week – Kai Olsson Art & Music
- b. The next events on the schedule are:
  - i. 5/13 – Second Sunday Speaker Series #4 with Jim Johnston, who will share a presentation about the Oliver Pond Home
  - ii. 6/8 – Strawberry Stroll
  - iii. 6/8 – Wedding Dress exhibit opens

#### **K. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. New Logo for Museum – Kai to reach out to Stacey David, as the Franklin Cultural Council ran a successful logo change contest; possibly schedule this for the Fall?

- b. Second Sunday Speaker Series – Mary still working on booking speakers for June, July, August, and December.
- c. Sign for the former Horace Mann School location – Jeremy to work on content and coordinate with Gus, using the information at the current Franklin High School; should include photograph, small history, etc.
- d. Mary has requested that Commission members and volunteers document every hour of volunteer work (on site or off site) that is done for the FHM, including research for exhibits, conservation of artifacts, setup or takedown for exhibits, etc. in order to demonstrate a “full time equivalent” for the CAP application next year.
- e. Museum website – still a work in progress. Pointers to old website content need to be broken and reestablished to the new website content. Brian Lyra has provided a link to the 360 virtual tour that he created. Links have been provided to documents scanned by Digital Commonwealth, as well. Bob and Mary will meet to discuss next steps.
- f. Digital Commonwealth scanning – Jake has emailed to indicate that they have finished the most recent set of documents and are now working on the metadata necessary to allow searching within the documents. Bob will coordinate a new package of documents to be scanned.
- g. Proposed change to demo delay bylaw – Jeremy will schedule a meeting with Gus and Bryan Taberner to discuss, ideally in August to include Mary, early or late in the day.

#### **L. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The Thompson Press building will be coming down soon (commencing in June) – FHC will be given an opportunity to walk through before the building comes down. Phyllis confirms that we will be allowed to walk through on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- b. We were contacted by Faith Flaherty (from St. Mary’s parish), who is “wondering what to do with” the Hayward Mansion Carriage House at the intersection of Queen and Pleasant streets – Jeremy to find out more about their plans in terms of renovation, and Ms. Flaherty has offered to allow FHC to walk through the carriage house during the Feast of St. Rocco (August 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>).

#### **M. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

- a. None

**N. ADJOURN** – There being no further business, there was a 4-0 vote to adjourn at 7:15PM