



Municipal Building – Town of Franklin
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes August 16, 2011

Attending:

Commissioners

Present:

Alan Earls
Marlene Oliver
Debbie Pellegrini (Chair)
Bob Percy (Secretary)
Alice Vendetti (Treasurer)

Absent:

Del Arnold
Mary Olsson

Associates

Eamon McCarthy Earls

Absent:

Colette Ferguson
Connie Lawson
Kai Olsson
Mary O'Neill

Key:

→ = an action item

A → = a resolved action item

Finances

No bills were received or paid this month.

Last Meeting's Minutes – Approved.

Commission Membership

The Town Council has officially approved the Marlene Oliver as a full member of the Historical Commission. Congratulations!

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

⊗ Communications – (Bob, Alan, and Mary O'Neill)

Bob wrote a thank you letter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carbone for their donation of the two large World War II era model airplanes: the P40 (Tiger Shark) and the P47 (Thunderbolt), and also for their donation of a Brownie camera.

⊗ Document Preservation and Policies – (Alan, Connie, Del, and Eamon) (See **Intern Coordinators.**)

⊗ Events – (Debbie, Colette, Mary O'Neill, Eamon)

The antique cars will return to be at this year's Harvest Festival on Oct. 2. Franklin Downtown Partnership has completed plans for this event. A prize drawing using "passports" verified by participating vendors and sites will be used.

Plans are underway to display military uniforms of various eras this Fall, to coincide with Veterans Day in early November.

"Silent Saturdays" – Debbie agreed to check with Felicia Oti at the library to see what selection of silent movies are available to show.

We discussed plans for a Baseball Talk of some kind for the Spring, and also perhaps another spinning demonstration.

⊗ Grants – (Marlene, Alan) No news.

⊗ Hosting – (Debbie)

Debbie went to the Senior Center and discussed our new plan for hosting: to have a person from the senior center accompany a Commission member to host at the Museum. This was agreed to. This synergy will be fun and educational for all.

⊗ Intern Coordinators – (Alan)

Lindsay Stewart is working on the issue of curled photographs and how to display them.

Alan has been in touch with Rob Lawson, about having a Dean student intern at the Museum.

⊗ Museum Displays – (Del, Alice, Colette)

The focus is on the display of military uniforms. We are working on obtaining male manikins.

We discussed rotating some items downstairs, to make room for the seasonal displays we want to provide, perhaps near where the display cabinet with the hats sits.

Other ideas for rotating displays: horse drawn cabinets.

⊗ **Museum Operations - Del (inventory, requests), Alice (finances)**

We have paid \$155.28 to Video Archives Unlimited to convert the 1965 Dean centennial film from to DVD.

⊗ **Publicity – Colette, Mary Olsson, Mary O’Neill**

No news.

⊗ **Website – Bob, Mary Olsson, Alan, and Connie**

Bob met with Steve Sherlock to work on the web site. The website is now live! Many thanks to Steve who has given generously of his time and resources.

Friends of the Franklin Historical Museum (FFHM)

The FFHM account stands at \$3800.

Correspondence (see other sections)

Housing Rehab Requests – None

Demolition Requests -- None

Research Requests – None

New Business

- Visiting again tonight was Spencer Gurney, who has done more extensive research on the marker stone that was found at 919 Washington St. by Warren Milliken some years ago while digging a septic tank. (Mr. Milliken donated the stone to the museum at Plimouth Plantation. It may be a marker that indicates the northwest corner of the lands ceded by Native Americans to the fledgling Plimouth Colony.) Mr. Gurney provided copies of his investigation, which seems to confirm the geographical significance of the South Franklin site (due west of Provincetown; due north of Point Judith).

We discussed plans for borrowing the stone from the museum at Plimouth Plantation. Marlene and Bob discussed reviewing a standard protocol for museum loans of this kind.

- An open question: the Franklin High School yearbook is called the "Oskey" – where does this name come from and what does it mean?
