

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

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes December 15, 2009

Attending:

Commissioners:

Del Arnold

Dianne Brunner

Alan Earls

Mona Ghiringhelli

Debbie Pellegri

Alice Vendetti

Visiting:

Eamon McCarthy Earls (volunteer)

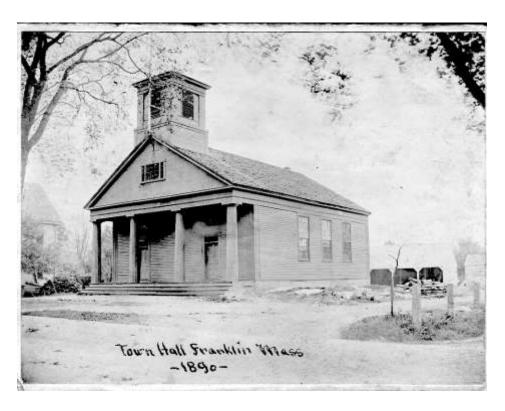
Meeting Minutes

The Commission approved the last meeting's minutes from 11/17/09.

Commission members are welcome to check the Commission's mail box at the Town Offices, and to notify Commission members of any timely issues before the next meeting.

Finances

There are no new bills and \$1174.37 left in our account.



Refurbishing the Museum (80 West Central St.)

Del reported no big problems but some minor difficulties such as a delay in receiving the proper part for the furnace, which is keeping some areas from being heated. There are problems with improper plumbing installation. Part of the plaster ceiling is separating from the lath and needs to be reinforced.

Debbie reports that she contacted the shade supplier from the senior center and got some informal price estimates for Roman shade style treatments. The prices are quite high relative to the potential budget...

Museum Inventory

Dianne and Del report 95 percent complete on filing photos

Museum Procedures

At our previous meeting, Alan distributed drafts of his "Procedures Manual for the Franklin Historical Museum." Del suggests fewer "don'ts" and maybe making a shorter document. Alan suggested making a short simple version for volunteers but maintaining a longer version for "management."

Museum Move

Del presented a brief plan for organizing the move.

Del and Alan had visited the museum and discussed trying to begin packing items. Alan had volunteered to put some time into organizing this. The date of Dec. 29 was proposed for a work day.

Eamon McCarthy Earls indicated willingness to help with packing and/or other future museum tasks. Del says Nick Alevato is also interested.

Museum Publicity

Question was presented about doing brochures for the museum. Del showed a historic brochure (a copy) about Trowbridge pianos.

Friends of the Franklin Historical Museum (FFHM)

Friends of the Franklin Historical Museum has been established as a 501 (c) 3. Interim officers are:

Del Arnold -- President Debbie Pellegri -- Treasurer Bob Percy – Clerk

Debbie will be opening a checking account.

Old Museum – Future Use

Everyone agreed to put notice on web site regarding alternative uses of building.

Housing Rehab Requests - None

Demolition Requests

Ongoing -- the 18th C. house at 678 Pleasant Street at Green Street

Research Requests

Research request received regarding possible improvements to intersection of Pleasant and Lincoln St. Debbie located prior letter on subject which describes Historical Commission concerns with this. No further action taken

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