



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 Pellegrini  
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 18<sup>th</sup> 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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