

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2015

Commissioners Present: Connie Lawson, Phyllis Malcolm, Debbie Pellegrini, Bob Percy.

Absent: Colette Ferguson, Mary Olsson.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from February 19, 2015. Approved as amended (4-0).

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

C. APPOINTMENTS — None.

D. PRESENTATIONS — Susan Elliot attended, showed part of her upcoming display about slavery in Franklin. We discussed placing the display on standing panels in the center of the display space.

E. DISCUSSIONS/VOTES — None.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Town's Birthday Party (Mar. 1st) was a success and reasonably well attended. Connie suggested perhaps skipping it for next year.
2. Appraisal Day (April 12th) — We discussed plans for this event (coffee, etc.).
3. Movie Night ("The Miracle Worker", April 19th, 6PM) — Bob will create a one-page notice of the movie, and send it to the Commission (to Mary for advertising), and to the acting superintendent to encourage student participation.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Preserving old audio recordings — ongoing.
2. Computer inventory — Minessa has paid hosting services for the museum website through 2015. We need to have the info in order to keep that going beyond this year.
3. Museum Trek - Nothing new.
4. Old Museum Update - nothing new. Commissioners would still like to meet with the architect and to stay involved in refurbishment meetings. Colette and Bob discussed contacting Jeff N. for additional information, and/or Jeff is welcome to attend one of our meetings.
5. Clothing Room (Connie, Colette) - Nothing new.
6. Reference Room (Debbie) - ongoing.
7. Album project at FHS — ongoing.
8. Chilson Film Project (Bob Oliver) — Ongoing.
9. Franklin Arts Festival (active days: July 29th - Aug. 2nd) — We considered a costumed event. Could we borrow costumes from Dean? Possible activities to offer:
 - Weaving straw hats (Connie et al.)
 - Rug braiding (Phyllis)
10. Susan Elliot projects (see **Presentations**).

H. NEW BUSINESS

We discussed contacting the owner of 221 Old Grove St. to find out more about their plans.

On the April agenda, we will have a first notice for an upcoming vote (at the May meeting) for permanently changing the meeting date from the 3rd Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. (This allows us to prepare advertising before the mid-month newspaper deadlines.)

We discussed building communication with surrounding towns. Debbie plans to look into this.

I. FINANCES (FFHM) – The current balance is \$5,969. (as of 3/10/15).

J. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

K. DEMOLITION REQUESTS – None.

L. ADJOURN - Voted to adjourn, 4-0.