

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2017, 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Jeremy Ball, Colette Ferguson, Connie Lawson, Phyllis Malcolm, Mary Olsson, Bob Percy, Richard Remillard

Absent: None

Visiting: Elaine Costello, Debbie Pellegrini, Paul Pisani

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February minutes: approved; March minutes: approved as amended

B. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - None.

C. APPOINTMENTS - None.

D. PRESENTATIONS - None.

E. DEMOLITION REQUESTS - None.

F. FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM (FFHM)

1. The Friends agreed to fund two speakers on wedding dresses in the coming months.
2. The iC4K - funding sources. A great deal of discussion followed. Belated Friends interest in funding the display screen caused the Commission to seek alternate sources of funding (the Town budget). At a recent meeting of the Friends, the Friends stated their intent to tie their prospective funding to conditions on content and timeframes for display of photographs on the iC4K, a notion rejected by Commissioners.
3. Motion to approve plans for a first annual Appreciation Day passed 7-0. Sunday 10/1, the Friends will hold an open house for people who have donated funds to the Friends or objects to the Museum.
4. Debbie suggested printing a schedule of Museum events each quarter. Mary already posts event info online and in the press.
5. Statue dedication for Horace Mann, May 7th. Debbie has fronted funding for coffee mugs. To be available at Horace Mann Square and at the Museum that day.

G. DISCUSSION/VOTE - None.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PastPerfect Getting Started Guide (Bob) - Ongoing.
2. Treasurer's Report (Phyllis) - \$104. remaining in the Commission's account.

I. EVENTS

(For recaps, see OLD BUSINESS)

1. Wedding dresses - Maureen Taylor and Karen A. will speak on wedding attire (funding approved: see Section F1).
2. Historical Huddle, At 'An Unlikely Story' bookstore, Plainville, 4/23 4PM.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. National Register signs for the downtown - ongoing.
2. Thompson Press Building - Their one year demolition approval from the Commission has expired. in progress. Jeremy is working with Stacy from the Franklin Cultural Council.
3. iC4K funding - see Section F2.
4. Eagle Scout Project - Sal Backus continues work on this. Bob has some online files on Franklin Civil War veterans to provide to Sal.
5. Shelving for upstairs room - nothing new.

6. Shelving for downstairs - nothing new.
7. Repair finish on upstairs Trowbridge piano - nothing new.
8. Remy suggested that we build an events board, perhaps displayable outside.
9. Proposed change to Demolition By-law - nothing new.
10. Senior Center display of WWII veterans' pictures - ongoing.
11. Display of pictures of sports teams - they are up.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Franklin Cultural Festival - This will feature a wedding dress speaker at the Museum.
2. Horace Mann statue dedication - Debbie gave a sample invitation to Mary. Each town board received one, though the general public is invited.
3. Funding for summer interns - nothing new.
4. 2018 Museum Calendar - Tri-County can print them. Debbie will give Phyllis the name of a person at Tri-County to contact about this.
5. Boston Post Cane - Honoring the town's oldest citizen. The Town Hall has a list of all recipients since 1926. We would like to include this list in a display.

L. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS - None

1. Mary passed out samples of Horace Mann postcards we could sell in the Museum Shop.
2. Little Red House - 1242 West Central St. - Wood Inc. needs signage info.
3. Museum's Facebook page - we have 800+ followers.

M. ADJOURN - Voted 6-0 to adjourn, 8:18PM.