

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2017, 6:30 PM

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

Absent: None

Visiting: Kai Olsson, Debbie Pellegri

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 11 minutes: approved as amended

B. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - Mary offered congratulations to the committee for the completion of the Horace Mann statue project.

C. APPOINTMENTS - Two members are up for renewal - Phyllis and Mary.

D. PRESENTATIONS - None.

E. DEMOLITION REQUESTS - None.

F. FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM (FFHM)

1. The Friends currently have \$6700. in their account.
2. Debbie sent a check to Almont Green yesterday for the balance of the iC4K display screen.

G. DISCUSSION/VOTE - None.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PastPerfect Getting Started Guide (Bob) - Draft is complete. Bob and Connie plan to sit down and field test the procedures.
2. Treasurer's Report (Phyllis) - Account is down near zero. Looking forward to a reinfusion on July 1st.

I. EVENTS

(For recaps, see OLD BUSINESS)

1. From Horace Mann statue day - Leftover mugs are now at the Museum Shop (20 or so).
2. Wedding dresses - Commissioners to help set up: a group effort
3. Strawberry Stroll - Mary will contact the Red Devils about appearing
4. Franklin Cultural Festival (7/26-29) - We will have a speaker at the Museum on Sat. for the festival
5. Historical Huddle, At 'An Unlikely Story' bookstore, Plainville, 4/23 4PM.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bob has sent two boxes of town documents to the Digital Commonwealth project at the Boston Public Library.
2. A gentleman who knows about the Community Preservation Act (CPA) will attend our July meeting
3. Events Calendar - Mary may send this to newspapers.
4. National Register signs for the downtown - Jeremy is coordinating with Stacy David on this project.
5. Eagle Scout Project - Mary met with Sal Backus. He'll be at the Museum on Thurs. at 6PM to demo his work.
6. Shelving for upstairs room - Remy reports that when John Rondeau has his summer worker on board, Remy will work with them to remove the refrigerator and install bookshelves.
7. Changes to Demo Delay Bylaw - Jeremy plans to provide a PowerPoint presentation on this at our next meeting. Debbie mentioned that we would have to go through the building commissioner, the town planner, and the town attorney to put changes into effect.
8. Senior Center display of WWII veterans' pictures - Phyllis and Colette have been working on this.

9. Display of pictures of sports teams - was a success. People came in to see it specifically.
10. 2018 Museum Calendar - Phyllis plans to work with the printing department at Tri-County.
11. Boston Post Cane - A display to honor the town's oldest citizen. Phyllis is working on this with someone at Franklin Glass. We would like to include a list of the names of past recipients; Debbie will email this to Bob.
12. Little Red House - 1342 West Central St. - Historical signage - More research needed at Dedham.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer intern(s) - Mary plans to search locally and through NEMA.
2. Donations:
3. Country Club quilt from 1999. Will be cleaned and donated.
4. Ledger from Norfolk Historical Commission
5. historyview.org - Virtual reality. Facebook page now has a sample 360 degree views of Museum statue and Horace Mann statue.
6. Connie brought in a box of books for possible sale at the Museum Shop.
7. Petting zoo for Harvest Fest - Colette will get their contact info. Plan is to have it on the grassy area behind the Methodist Church.

L. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS - None

M. ADJOURN - Voted 7-0 to adjourn, 8:24PM.