



Town of Franklin Massachusetts
Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023

Commission Members Present: Alan Earls, Phyllis Malcolm, Randy LaRosa, Jan Prentice, Mary Olsson.

Associate Member Present: Will Lee

Not present: Paul Pisani, Scott Mason, Kai Olsson.

Minutes of the August 9th, 2023 meeting were accepted with the correction of adding the names of those members not present at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

DEMOLITION REQUESTS: None

FFHM Report: No members present

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- TREASURER: Phyllis, nothing to report
- ARCHIVIST :
- Second Sunday Speaker Series : Professor Rob Lawson's presentation on the Universalist Church and the founding of Dean College was well attending and very interesting. Franklin TV recorded the presentation. October's speaker is author Mike Tougias speaking on his books and research on the time of King Philip's War.
- Exhibit Committee: No meetings have been held

OLD BUSINESS:

- Charles Partridge Adams Art donation was discussed. There are no actual original pieces of art being offered, but research records are available and possibly prints. It was decided the research records would be better housed in an art museum. Alan had been given a name affiliated with the Smithsonian that accepts all forms of American Art. Mary is in touch with the donor and will ask about the availability of at least a print for our museum. Charles Partridge Adams was a prolific painter of the West who was born in Franklin.
- Vintage home research: it was discussed that the first step would be to take our vintage home listings and compare what is available through Macris. This can be our starting base.
- Harvest Festival planning:
 - Saturday September 30, 12-5pm, Rain Date Sunday October 1, 1-5pm
 - Jamie Barret entertainment, on the porch scheduled from 12-5
 - Free Popcorn freshly popped, Phyllis will order more bags.

- Mary will create a scavenger hunt
- All are asked to attend and contribute
 - Jan 12-5
 - Phyllis until 3
 - Mary 12-5
 - Will 12-5
 - Check with Paul and Scott
- Deaccession Policy: Rowan not in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Circa House signs – we all agreed it would be worth following up with. What do other towns do? Alan to look into Wrentham. Randy will check Medway's process.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Jan is working with Sara @ Dean for Homecoming weekend 10/21 and 22
- Alan will provide publicity for Town Forest Walk and talk with MA Archaeology, 10/14-15. Suggested a local author Susan Bavey as a future SSSS presenter. Susan wrote a book, 'Lucky Jack, on her grandfather's WWII experience

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM