

**Town of Franklin, Ma**  
**Historical Commission**  
**Minutes - July 11, 2017**

**Present:** Jeremy Ball, Mary Olsson, Phyllis Malcolm, Connie Lawson, Colette Ferguson, Richard Remillard

**Absent:** Bob Percy

**Visiting:** Debbie Pellegri, Jamie Hellen (Deputy Town Administrator) George Comeau (Canton Historical Commission), Kai Olsson

Meeting began at 6:30PM

**Approval on Minutes** - Minutes of June 13 meeting were approved as amended (vote 6-1-0)

**Citizens Comments** - None

**Appointments** - None

**Presentations** - George Comeau (Canton Historical Commission) gave a presentation on the Community Preservation Act (CPA). He stated that there are currently 140 towns receiving CPA funds. In order for a town to receive CPA funds, it first has to be voted on by the citizens in the town. You have to convince the citizens on how it will benefit the town, this is done by campaigning and debates. Also, citizens must be informed on how little the tax would be for them. CPA percentages of tax money range from 2% -5%. The town will determine what percentage would be used for the CPA.

George also explained how the Town of Canton handles CPA requests. Organizations requesting CPA funds first must fill out a pre-application. Application is then reviewed by the CPA Committee. If approved it will then be placed on the ballot at election time to be voted by the citizens. CPA is a revolving account that does not have to be used in a fiscal year and can be carried forward.

**Demolition Requests** - Mary spoke with Gus Brown regarding 36 Plain St. It was determined that it was an emergency situation.

**Friends (FFHM)** - Debbie stated that letters were sent out but replies coming in slowly.

**Discussions/Vote** - History view has been put on hold for now.

**Subcommittee Reports** - Past Perfect guide is now ready to be used.

Treasurers Report - As of July 1<sup>st</sup> \$7000.00 is now available.

**Events** - Bridal Exhibit is being well attended

Franklin Cultural Festival - we will have Karen Antonowicz doing a presentation on Bridal Fashions from various years.

Petting Zoo for Harvest Festival - Colette is looking to as well as painting pumpkins.

**Old Business** - Maureen Taylor presentation was well attended

National Register Signs have been put on hold. Waiting to see what the state is going to do with the Cultural District.

Eagle Scout Project is completed but needs some updating.

Shelving for Second floor and basement - nothing new there

Status of Proposed change to Demolition Bylaw - Mary was going to check on

New Budget Funds - no plans yet on what we are going to need.

2018 Museum Calendar - France Williams is currently on vacation and will be back in September.

Display Case for Boston Post Cane - currently on hold.

Digital Commons Scanning Project - last books have been completed.

1342 West Central Street Signage - Bob and Connie were going to Dedham on Friday to look for more information on who has lived there.

Possible Thomson Press Donation from Hampton College - Mary sent a request asking them on how they got it.

**New Business**

Summer Intern for 2017 - Mary met with Jamie Hellen and Stacie to determine on what is needed to have it done properly. Mary will contact NEMA to have someone come out and let us really know what needs to be done.

Roger Calarese - Signage for old Horace Mann HS/Municipal Bldg. - Mary will take care of it.

Other Items - None

**Commissioners Comments** - None

**Adjourn** - 8:17PM