

# Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

## Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2018, 6:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:** Colette Ferguson, Phyllis Malcolm, Mary Olsson, Bob Percy, Paul Pisani,

**Absent:** Jeremy Ball, Richard Remillard

**Visiting:** Debbie Pellegri, Brock Leindecker

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from October 9th, approved as amended.
- B. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS** - Brock Leindecker introduced himself, shared his experience and interest in historical restoration carpentry, including salvage and moving of historic structures. He is a graduate of the North Bennett Street School, Boston.
- C. APPOINTMENTS** - None.
- D. PRESENTATIONS** - None.
- E. DEMOLITION REQUESTS** - None.
- F. FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM (FFHM)**
  - 1. Debbie reported a balance of \$8100.
- G. DISCUSSION/VOTE** - None.
- H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a.** Treasurer’s Report (Phyllis) – We have \$3954.
  - b.** Active subcommittees
    - i.** Hosting schedule (Mary) - this month’s schedule has been emailed out.
    - ii.** Volunteer training, scheduling, coordination - meeting is scheduled for noon on Feb 3rd (Super Bowl Sunday)
    - iii.** Events and scheduling - The FFHM will hold their annual meeting in January. The Historical Commission will submit a wish list to them for 2019.
    - iv.** Event preparation and display - Big thanks to Collete, Phyllis, Paul, and Mary for putting together the World War I display.
    - v.** Accessioning donations into PastPerfect - on hold til the first of the year. Archivist Sarah-Jane Poindexter will submit her report to us by mid-December.
    - vi.** Monthly publicity (Mary) - ongoing
    - vii.** Social media (Mary) - ongoing. Mary has started using Instagram a bit more.
    - viii.** Downtown Partnership - Mary was able to attend. (The Holiday Stroll has been officially renamed to “Holiday Happenings”).
    - ix.** Cultural district - Their next meeting is Thursday night (11/15). Mary plans to attend.
- I. EVENTS** -
  - a.** Second Sunday Speakers - Mary has already booked nine months of twelve for 2019. On 12/9, James Johnston’s topic will be “The Oliver Pond House in Context, Part II”.
  - b.** Holiday Happenings - Mrs. Claus to visit the Museum, 12/8, from 11AM to 1PM.
  - c.** Event Subcommittee - Met on 11/6 and are finalizing the details.
- J. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a.** Contest: New Logo For Museum - Suggest putting this off until the spring.
  - b.** Second Sunday Speakers - in progress.

- c. Sign for Old Horace Mann school - sign is en route, likely to be put up next week. There was some discussion about whether we should have a plaque/landmark policy. Perhaps something to mention to the new archivist.
- d. Franklin Trowbridge piano salvage (Remy and Kai) - ongoing
- e. Museum website (Bob and Mary) - Jeremy may be able to assist
- f. Digital Commonwealth Scanning (Bob) - Need to deliver the Sentinels to the Boston Public Library (years: 1904, 1916, 1917, and 1928 thru 1935). Jeremy may be able to assist.
- g. Changes to Demo Delay Bylaw - ongoing.
- h. Scanning parties - current plan is to hold one in the spring and one in the fall.
- i. iC4K content maintenance - nothing new.
- j. Rotating contents of display cases, using drawers as staging/storage - The archivist can help us with this.
- k. Meeting with the archivist (Mary) - Mary met with her on 11/1. Sarah-Jane's report is due in mid-December.
- l. Siding work is underway - ongoing. Bob took pictures of the work in progress and will email them to Mary.

**K. NEW BUSINESS** - none to report

**L. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

- a. November speaker - Author Michael Tougias - great turnout (roughly 80 to 100 people)
- b. Halloween Cemetery Tour (Union St.) - Was a great success. Turnout roughly 100.
- c. Dean History Department - reception is tomorrow night at the Museum, 6PM. Two Dean history teachers are meeting with history majors.
- d. Calendars - Mary graciously agreed to put this together. The plan is to have 100 copies made and to sell each for \$5. Total cost of production: \$281.
- e. Scarecrow Contest - There was one entrant and one winner. Congratulations to a proud and appreciative young man named Griffin C.

**M. ADJOURN** - Voted 5-0 to adjourn, 7:21 PM.