



AGENDA

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:30PM at the Franklin Historical Museum

80 West Central Street, Franklin, MA

Meeting will be held in-person at the Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St. Franklin MA.

Alan Earls, Chair, Mary Olsson, Vice Chair, Phyllis Malcolm, Treasurer, Will Lee (Associate), Secretary/Associate, Paul Pisani, Scott Mason, Jan Prentice, Randy LaRosa.
Kai Olsson, Associate

Call to Order

The following agenda includes a general list of items to be discussed but other items may be brought forward for discussion during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Apr. 17, 2024

CITIZENS COMMENTS

APPOINTMENTS:

PRESENTATIONS:

FFHM Report

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Treasurer's report
- Archivist update
- Second Sunday Speaker Series
- CPC Update

OLD BUSINESS

- Facilities: Update on screen, alarms, etc.
- Route 140 History Trail Progress Report
- Textile Team idea– Posted in Observer, at Sr Center, and sent to Franklin Matters etc.
- Silent Saturday update, winding down end of May
- Foreign Film Friday at Strawberry Stroll hope to show Bergman's *Wild Strawberries*
- Other programs: Calligraphy moving to monthly

- Updated estimate on repairing #2 Trowbridge (See attached quote). Revised vote to authorize \$1140 requested
- Update on Ladybug event
- Update on 'Fatima' exhibit April 25
- Update on Armenian Exhibit
- Update on Dean Commencement and Memorial Day
- Status of Wedding Exhibit
- Update on Porchfest
- Update on Strawberry Stroll
- Update on Indian Independence Day
- Approval of sign vendor and design (still need to create verbiage/process with Friends)
- Status of Bell and Old South (need to get from Hellen/Taberner)

NEW BUSINESS

- Hosting Process –Consistency (Update and take out sign, greet visitors, sign in for guests and hosts/volunteers, name tags, etc.)
- Franklin 'Freedom Team' met at museum on Thurs. May 2
- Transcription of handwritten *Something of the life and works of Mary Warfield and Mary Daniels By Mrs. Edward Farrell, December 1927* completed by Susan Elliott!
- Antique Appraisal Event with Friends held on May 5 – approximately 95 people sought at least one appraisal.
- July 11 meeting of Cultural District to be held at the museum
- Concept of History-Event with Red Devils Hotrod Club – Reaching out to Dan Ficco
- Can we set a Weekday Workdays at the museum for transcription, cleaning, filing, etc. (potential conflict with student interns?)
- Orphanage inquiry
- Franklin Mill Store Chimney, Fiori & Fern, etc.; Need to move on Historic Districts.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

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Tuning

Repairs

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Rebuilding

Bill to

Franklin Historical Museum
80 West Central St.
Franklin, MA 02038

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Quote

Invoice Date	Last Service	Terms
3/28/2024	2/20/2024	Payment due on receipt

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
	Trowbridge Upright (circa 1904-1905)		
	Recondition and re-shape hammers		\$100.00
	Replace Bridle straps		\$100.00
	Regulate action as needed		\$100.00
	Clean inside of piano		\$40.00
2	Tunings – Pitch Raising	\$100.00	\$200.00
		Total	\$540.00

Trowbridge pianos were originally manufactured in Franklin MA in 1888. This piano is from the era when pianos were extremely well made. The fact that this is a piano native to the town gives it some historical significance. It does need upgrades to some of the mechanical parts of the piano as well as general reconditioning. The above costs will cover this. It is important to note that when pitch raising a piano, we increase the overall tension on the piano by 2-3 tons, and the chance for string breakage exists. It does appear that this piano will withstand this with no issues, but the risk exists. Costs for strings are \$50 for bass strings, and \$15 for treble strings. A dolly was requested and the image here is what is necessary for this size piano, it comes as a pair, one for each end. The cost for this is \$600 installed. Please let us know if you need more information.

