

# 2021 Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 7:00 PM  
ZOOM EVENT  
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**President's Welcome**

Christine Tibor

**Clerk's Business**

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**Treasurer's Report**

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**Curator's Report**

Stacen Goldman

**Executive Director's Report**

Annie Murphy

**Volunteer of the Year Award**

William Rabkin

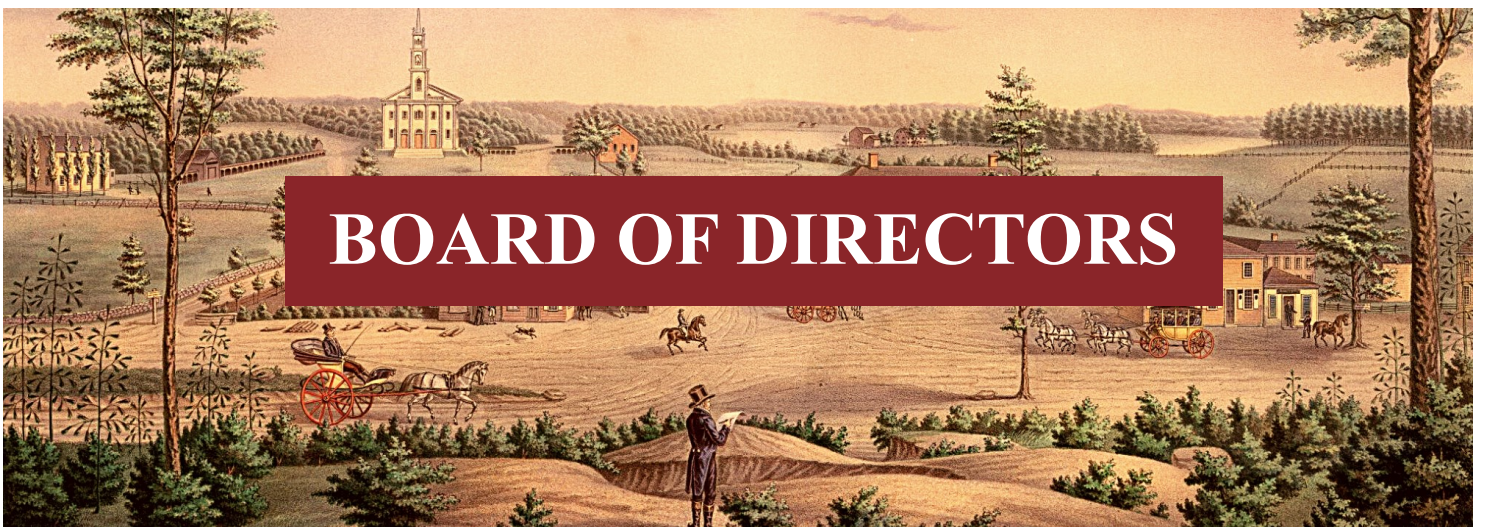
**Vote to Adjourn 2021 Annual Meeting**

**Special Presentation:**

David S. Ball, President of the  
American Air Mail Society and the  
Northeastern Federation of Stamp  
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*The mission of the Framingham History Center is to preserve and share Framingham's history in order to encourage connection to community.*





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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Annie Murphy*

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, the FHC was able to not only survive, but thrive during a year of Pandemic. Just days after our last annual meeting at the Village Hall, we totally closed down our buildings and started working from home. Your support and a PPP loan from the federal government enabled us to keep our talented staff intact for which I am incredibly thankful. We are thrilled that we did not lose our audience, but rather, in most instances, we increased it! We've learned so much about staying connected virtually from this past year and it will inform our work going forward.

Soon after the shutdown, our Volunteer of the Year, Bill Rabkin, and his colleagues at Access Framingham provided us with a video of our *Framingham and the Flu: Pandemic of 1918* program that we presented almost exactly a year earlier on March 23, 2019. As a result, hundreds of people learned about Framingham's contribution to the creation of the public health protocols we were being asked to follow. Social distancing, wearing of masks, and proper hygiene were all directives created during the TB Demonstration project in 1917 in Framingham. We found ourselves in a unique position of being able to reinforce important public health messaging in 2020 given our history and I know it comforted many.

At the same time, our Curator, Stacen Goldman, was able to quickly create a digital version of the *Framingham's Top 10* exhibition which saw 10,000 views during the month of April. Thanks to our Assistant Director Laura Rankin's technological fortitude, and the willingness of our presenters, we were able to offer our scheduled programs virtually. One of our members had the great idea of packaging our upcoming programs so that she didn't have to make \$5 transactions online every month to tune in. It was the impetus we needed to create a package of six excellent programs for the price of 5!

We heard from a lot of you about your disappointment over not being able to attend our annual house tour so we reached out to our friends at Mediaboss to see if they would help us produce a virtual tour. They were excited - and together we embarked on yet another new adventure! Mediaboss produced a beautiful video that captured 731 views and had many clamoring for more in 2021. Thankfully, they are on board again.

Given the social unrest over the summer and fall, we launched two initiatives that have been a long time in coming – a Community Engagement Planning process and the creation of a cross-collection finding aid of material related to *Framingham's People of Color from 1600-1800*. These projects are already engaging new audiences and expanding our reach into the community. We can't wait to share the results of these projects with you in person while we also produce more of the digital content that served us so well last year. Thank you for all of your support during such a difficult year.

*Image: 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. From left to right: Annie Murphy, State Rep. Maria Robinson, Senate President Karen Spilka, Mayor Yvonne Spicer.*





## FROM THE CURATOR

*Stacen Goldman*

What an unusual year it has been! In 2020, our collections did not grow much, but that was by design. Faced with a global pandemic and an unexpected report from a structural engineer regarding the weight of our collections in the Old Academy Building, we placed a moratorium on most incoming items. While 2020 was chaotic in many other ways, this period of quiet has given us time to look inward, and our collections have truly been the better for it.

One thing we have been collecting is your stories of life in the era of COVID-19. This collection has primarily been built up digitally, via our Pandemic Journal Project and digital photographic submissions, but we are interested in your physical artifacts of the pandemic as well. If you have something that has been emblematic of your pandemic year (a home-made mask, a perfected bread recipe, a child's craft project, etc.) the FHC would be glad to consider it for our collections. But please, no sourdough starters!

As for the internal work we've been doing, our Collections Manager, Rebecca Helgeson, along with a set of dedicated volunteers (following new, socially distanced guidelines) has undertaken a collections sorting and rehousing process that is going to guarantee the "health" of our collections for the future. While laborious, this process has involved not only rehousing collections into appropriate storage, but updating photographs, fleshing out records, removing duplicate items, and fixing issues in our collections database, all work that has needed much doing.

Finally, at the very end of 2020, we welcomed Scholar-in-Residence, Mary McNeil, to create a cross-collection finding aid of materials relating to Native American, African, and African-American people in Framingham from 1600-1800. This project has given us a chance to really delve into pieces of our collections that have largely been unexplored. When the finding aid is completed, it will be made available to all who are interested in learning about Framingham's People of Color during this period, and will give us an excellent foundation to do similar work for later time periods.

The overall result of these projects will be to make the FHC's collection more representative and more accessible to all, and I am incredibly proud of the work of our collections team, both professional and volunteer. Here's to an accessible, active, and hopeful 2021!

*Image: Collections Manager Rebecca Helgeson standing next to a recently reorganized shelving unit of artifacts.*

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
<b>Revenue Gains and Other Support:</b>		
Contributions, Grants and Bequests	\$ 228,207	\$ 174,215
Membership	15,320	14,170
Merchandise Sales (Net of Direct Costs)	3,684	8,782
Interest and Dividends	27,181	28,107
Realized and Unrealized Gain/loss on Investments	19,505	67,178
Rental Income	6,970	37,950
Special Events (Net of Expenses )	25,557	44,966
Other Income	<u>570</u>	<u>2,659</u>
Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support	<u>326,994</u>	<u>378,027</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Payroll	225,347	182,369
Building Maintenance	2,060	6,282
Exhibit Expenses	1,134	9,144
Insurance - General	10,331	6,775
Administration	12,888	6,569
Office and Computer Expenses	10,714	8,534
Postage	2,583	2,493
Professional Development	600	1,509
Professional Fees	21,462	17,114
Rental Expenses	21,163	21,898
Collections	7,480	13,215
Telephone	4,367	4,493
Utilities	8,000	13,654
Depreciation and Amortization	<u>13,129</u>	<u>13,161</u>
Total Expenses	<u>341,258</u>	<u>307,210</u>
<b>Changes in Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ &lt;14,264&gt;</u>	<u>\$ 70,817</u>

## Balance Sheet

	2020	2019
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 143,656	\$ 94,952
Cash Restricted	5,901	21,200
Inventories	4,950	6,275
Prepaid Expenses	<u>2,946</u>	<u>3,040</u>
Total Current Assets	157,453	125,467
<b>Buildings and Equipment:</b>		
Buildings & Equipment Net	\$ 372,397	\$ 368,870
Investments	350,470	331,976
Investments—Restricted	<u>298,274</u>	<u>316,635</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,178,594</u>	<u>\$1,142,948</u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Loan— PPP	34,370	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	<u>5,955</u>	<u>4,971</u>
Total Current Liabilities	40,325	4,971
Net Assets	<u>1,138,269</u>	<u>1,137,977</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,178,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,142,948</u>

# Annual Budget

For the Period January 1, 2020 To December 31, 2020

## OPERATING INCOME

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Foundation Donations	50,000
Government Grants	15,200
Individual Donations	155,000
Net Assets Released from Restriction	33,000
Membership Income	17,000
Event Revenue	35,000
Museum Revenue	6,000
Investment Income	18,000
Village Hall Rental Income	15,000
Miscellaneous Income	2,000

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>346,200</b>
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## OPERATING EXPENSES

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Salaries	223,310
Benefits and Taxes	18,361
Collection Supplies and Expenses	6,605
Event and Exhibition Costs	3,000
Event Management	1,400
Educational Programs	4,500
Printing, Postage & Publications	4,500
Dues and Subscriptions	500
Professional Services	29,189
Fundraising Expense	2,500
Insurance	7,300
Maintenance	9,600
Office Supplies	1,500
Telephone, Internet	5,000
Professional Development	600
Museum Store Purchases	500
Utilities	22,000
Miscellaneous Expense	500

<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>340,865</b>
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<b>Excess of Income over Expenses</b>	<b>5,335</b>
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<b>PPP Grant</b>	<b>\$34,370</b>
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This fund was established in memory of beloved storyteller Libby Franck, to continue presenting captivating stories that Libby was so gifted at researching, crafting, and performing for the FHC community.

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# IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened by the passing of the following friends of the Framingham History Center since our last Annual Meeting in March 2020. We remember them as loyal members and volunteers. They will be missed.

**Janet Cadillac**

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