DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
November 27, 6:00 pm

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Paula Mangini, Gail Martel, Fred Mullen, Lee Mullen,
Dave Nault (Select Liaison), Bill Nichols, Cindy Pinard
Members out of town/absent: Linda Nickerson (not required), Bill Zeller

Minutes: Paula motioned to approve the minutes of the 10/23/23 meeting, Fred seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: $60 In sales for the past two months, plus interest; balance as of 10/31/23 is $5,565.36. Paula made a motion to accept the report, Fred seconded, unanimous.

DES Liaison: We welcomed Cindy Pinard as our new DES liaison. She's been shadowing Bill Zeller and is prepared to take over the Historic Gingerbread House Project this year.   The teachers would welcome the spatulas we offered so Donna will order them without a vote as long as they're under $100. Currently 32 Third Grade students. Also Paula made a motion we issue a check for $100 to teacher Lois Wicklow for supplies for this project, Gail seconded, unanimous.

North & East Dunbarton Post Offices: Donna purchased an envelope on ebay addressed to "Mr. George O. Bailey Dunbarton N.H." which appears to have been cancelled in writing "No. Dunbarton N.H. Nov. 22' vs. a metal or wood postal cancellation stamp. Mr. Bailey lived at what is now 294 Stark North (Home of Evelyn Garafalo-Lebrun) after1893. Other mail going through the North PO used a stamp. Could it be that mail to the East Dunbarton Post Office also used this hand-written method? To date, no cancellations for East Dunbarton have been found.

Scipio Page Black Heritage Trail Marker: Donna has been unable to get to the State Archives to look for more pauper records as yet. Cindy suggested the School's Parent Square as a way to get the word out about this Project.

DHS Archives: Donna is ready to return the tub of material the DHS lent us and hopefully obtain more. Ledgers have been scanned on her CZUR by volunteer Jae Larsen.

Elijah L. Harris' Journal: Leland Mills provided scans of the years 1847-1854 (still missing are 1835 – 1846). Donna perused them and they're not as informational as the years 1815 - 1835 which were transcribed by a Dunbarton student for his Senior Project a few years back. No wars, military, pirates, exploring South American coast and the like. Simply records his part-time jobs and his mundane travels. It was agreed to simply print these pages and place them in the same binder as the others at the Library. They'll be no effort to transcribe.

Assist with History Inquiries: Jim Heath, the 4th GGG son of William Heath (b.1748, m. Lydia Putney b. 3/20/1750) requested info.   Donna provided proprietors maps and the link to Alice's genealogy on the Library website.

Metal Detecting: Metal detecting was done at Paula's house and findings included a King George coin! When we did metal detecting with the school kids a few years back at the town office, the children were very engaged. Perhaps gather a group and do metal detecting at the Page School site and Allwood land…lots of history there…Donna will make connections. Cindy again recommended Parent Square which all the schools use as a method of getting the word out.

Watch Towers: Paula made a motion we print a small retraction for the cover of the 2013 Town Report in this year's Town Report, Fred seconded, unanimous. Donna will get the info to Line. Paula's still looking for info about who funded and built all these towers.

History Lead: Thanks to Woody Bowne who tracked down the woman's name (BethTitus) Fred connected with at Hazardous Waste Day. Beth brought Donna the scrapbook and Jae Larsen scanned it. Beth also made a donation of a Dunbarton Diary (Ida F. (Florilla) Cilley, 1878) which we'll give to the DHS along with a scan.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Paula made a motion to adjourn at 7:00, Bill N. seconded. Next meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2023, 6 pm, Town Offices.   Please note this is the third Monday of the Month, not the fourth Monday.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary