

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

February 27, 2023, 6:05 pm

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Paula Mangini, Gail Martel, Fred Mullen, Lee Mullen,
Dave Nault (Selectman Liaison), Ken Swayze

Members out of town/absent: Bill Nichols, Linda Nickerson, Bill Zeller

Minutes: Fred made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2023 minutes, Paula seconded. Unanimous.

DHAC Financials: Gail reported a new balance of \$6,491.34 as of 1/31/23. Ken made a motion to accept the report, Fred seconded. Unanimous.

School Sign Project: Still no final draft...but little log schoolhouse photo and green dot were removed and \$225 cost for the Ray School added. Still needs tweaks: some of the roads are dashed when they should be a solid line, and one dash road was so faint it couldn't be seen. Donna has had a fair number of exchanges of emails and phone calls but still no actual quote. The inmate staff at the Sign Shop needed to be replaced and there's consequently down time.

DHAC Individual Checking Account: The procedure for issuing a check is cumbersome and involves multiple people and all deposits must be brought to the bank. We're also making next to nothing for interest and maybe now is the time to consider eliminating it. Perhaps make it a non-lapsing line item? Gail made a motion that Donna meet with the BOS and Line and open a discussion about the pros and cons. Paula seconded. Unanimous. Donna will ask to be placed on the agenda and bring back a report.

School Sign Project (Permissions Status):

Permission for two locations still not obtained. The particulars were discussed. It's felt one will be approved soon and the other might need further encouragement. Donna will meet with an abutter for the last sign as a backup plan. It was further discussed that when the signs are received, we'll meet with each homeowner and have them let us know where they would like the sign placed (considerations for setback, plowing, etc. considered). In addition to a photo op with each homeowner, we can choose one site for something special. Perhaps a photo with children and a school teacher (in period dress) from historic homes that would've attended that particular school.

Stark Barn Dance Video: All the video boards are ready to go, but we're lacking one photo of Jesse & Marguerite Boynton from Bob Boynton and/or Janice. Dave Nault said he'll make contact.

Black Heritage Trail Marker for Scipio: A 2/22/23 Union Leader article about the Black Heritage Trail indicated that five plaques are planned for 2024: Concord, Dunbarton, Exeter, Keene, Lyme. We should plan on having the stone we located at the back of Page's cemetery in place this summer, Dave said he could help. Donna will contact the Cemetery Trustees for procedural issues. It would be nice if the dedication date could have significance to Scipio. We'll also need to do advertising, perhaps have a sign at the Cemetery for the upcoming event. Date TBD in conjunction with the BHTNH. Next meeting will be a planning session.

DHAC Potential Expenses: We should address the structures in town that are eligible for a free sign; in the past it's been done for any structure "that was once a town entity." That would include schools, post offices, etc. To that end Paula is doing research on the Morse-Elliott Place which was once the East Dunbarton Post Office. The library brought in a book on Postal History for her. She's learned Wesley Stone was once a postmaster; Donna will check with Judy Stone to see if the family has any info on this. Dave suggested contacting Si Audet to see if he remembers any stories about this.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Gail made a motion to adjourn at 7:03, Dave seconded. Next meeting will be the usual 4th Monday of the month, March 27, 6 pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary