

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

September 27, 2021, 6:00 pm (Covid precautions taken: masks & social distancing)

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Paula Mangini, Gail Martel, Bob Martel (Selectman Liaison), Fred Mullen (not entire meeting), Lee Mullen
Members out of town/absent: Bill Nichols, Linda Nickerson, Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller
Guests: Barbara Schult, Lee Martel

Guest: Barbara Schult, former DES teacher and Local Native American Researcher, met with us and gave us an update on what her research has uncovered as relates to the “Indian Rock” on the corner of Gorham Pond & Snook Roads just over the line in Goffstown. She is working with professionals in the field and there is some doubt the rock is authentic. It hasn’t been dismissed, but it is unproven to date; the type of engraving doesn’t match other known sites. The DHAC had hoped to create a “Native American History Trail” and include this stone because it supposedly points to Gorham Pond in Dunbarton. Since we don’t wish to promote something that hasn’t been proven, we’ll hold off for now. Barbara was very informative and we thank her! For more info she suggested the website <https://indigenounh.com/>

Minutes: Paula made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/22/21 minutes, Gail seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: The Citizens Bank Statements since the last meeting on 3/22/21 were reviewed: \$69 income (7 books), .30 interest, no expenses. Current balance \$6,750.26. Paula made a motion to accept the report, Lee Mullen seconded, unanimous.

School Site Signs: Updated conversation on School Signs. The owner of one location has changed; we’ll need to contact the new owners. Donna has started working on the wording, but personal issues have stalled her. Lee Mullen will help Donna with the wording.

Digitized photos, books, scanned maps, etc.: The town website really isn’t a good solution because of the limited options and the library would prefer not to be responsible, even if their Weebly program were adequate. It seems we’ll need to research other options.

Recollections Videos disclaimer: Our YouTube channel, where the videos are hosted would be the best location. It was decided that a disclaimer at the end of each video would be our first option, but it would require manipulating the videos we have already done and that would be labor intensive. Donna will check with Linda to see if we can place some simple wording on the YouTube Page itself. Disclaimer would need to be adapted to available space. It was noted we have posted over a dozen videos in recent years and only received one phone call with a negative comment. Exact wording of Disclaimer TBD but will be something to the effect: *These are personal recollections that may not agree with another’s interpretation or remembrance. No information has been verified.*

Holiday Haven Acres: To document the history of this development it would be a good idea to check with some of the long-term residents and the LGA (Lake Gorham Association). Donna will make a few phone calls.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Paula made a motion to adjourn at 7:22, Gail seconded. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/25/21, Covid permitting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary