

SUBJECT TO CORRECTION AND APPROVAL

**DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE**

January 31, 2022, 6:00 pm (Covid social distancing precautions taken)

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Paula Mangini, Bob Martel (Selectman Liaison), Fred Mullen, Lee Mullen, Bill Nichols

Members out of town/absent: Gail Martel, Linda Nickerson, Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller

Zoom option: No attendees

**Minutes:** Paula made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/25/21 minutes. Bill N. seconded, unanimous.

**Note:** *Although we did not have a meeting last month, a few of us gathered by Zoom on 12/27/21 to discuss the history of the Stark Dance Barn with its new owners. Present were Fred Mullen, Lee Mullen, Bill Zeller, Donna Dunn plus guests Janice Colby Bonyton (former resident/owner) and Carrie Carbonneau (new owner). A ledger owned by the Boynton's show the building was constructed in 1835 as a sheep barn, later became a Dance Barn and was a printing facility at one time. Janice Colby Bonyton wrote a history in 2006/2007 with assistance from Myrna Colby Touant about the Dance Hall history and it's available online at <http://www.configular.com>.*

*It was also noted we should start research on the East Dunbarton Post Office in preparation for a sign after the School signs are done..*

**DHAC Financials:** Statements since last meeting reviewed. \$300 Expenses, \$40 income book sales. Paula made a motion to accept, Bill N. seconded. Unanimous.

**Bailey's Corner Sign:** Sign will be ready on Wednesday. Donna will pick up and attach a DHAC label to the back and one of the small new Black Heritage Trail of Dunbarton labels Paula designed to the front lower left. Donna already has a green metal sign post that could be used.

**Black Heritage Month:** Donna will try and put together a Teacher Tidbit Sheet based on the Bailey Farm info and sent it to the Committee. If there isn't enough info, we'll pass this year.

**John Bunten House sign for Mike Hammond:** Mike Hammond, the owner, would prefer not to put up a sign at this time based on the 1892 barn date. He said to keep the \$90 he paid as a donation to the Committee. This can be revisited in future.

**Adjourn/Next Meeting:** Bill N. made a motion to adjourn at 6:45, Paula seconded. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 2/28/2022, 6 pm Town Office, Covid permitting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary