

## DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

April 24, 2023, 6:00 pm

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

**Minutes:** Bill N. motioned to approve the minutes of the 3/27/23 minutes, Paula seconded. Unanimous.

**DHAC Financials:** Dave made a motion to suspend the Treasurers Report, Paula seconded, unanimous.

**Thank You:** Paula made a motion to extend our thanks to Ken Swayze, who served on this committee for many years. Without him the publication of Bud Noyes' book "Where Settlers Feet Have Trod" would not have been possible. THANK YOU, KEN!!

**Bailey's Corner Sign:** Was reported to the Police as missing by the land owner. We were informed today it was misplaced and recovered. Dave and Fred will reinstall the sign. The landowner gave Donna permission to "put it wherever you want."

**Historical House signs:** The sign maker said four lines are possible; height will be an add'l 1.75 "taller."

**School Sites Sign Project:** Still no quote. Dave made a motion for Donna to approve the signs with pricing up to \$100 ea., Bill N. seconded, unanimous. If price exceeds \$800, will need DHAC approval.

**Stark Barn Dance Video:** Online!

**First Dunbarton Postmaster:** Paula rec'd a response from Sr. Research Analyst at the USPS in DC who said they have no record of Caleb Page as a (first) Postmaster. Also informed the appointment would've been under British rule so the paperwork would be in London. Paula will try and find those records. They also sent a list of Dunbarton Postmasters that confirms our existing list.

**Dunbarton & Meteorology:** While researching, Paula unearthed interesting information regarding a meteorological observer study by the Smithsonian (Joseph Henry). In 1848 he collaborated with the US Navy (James Espy) to distribute a circular/newspaper for volunteer observers and gathered over 600 in the US, Latin America and the Caribbean. In 1873, Dunbarton's Alfred Colby - Amoskeag was listed. The 1870 Census included: Alfred Colby, House 120, Amoskeag, wife Unis, sons Alfred, Frank. He apparently worked in the cotton industry and resided in Amoskeag housing. He recorded temperatures throughout the day as well as notes on unusual happenings. We are guessing he had a family farm in Dunbarton and perhaps returned to the farm after the 1870 census, worked the farm and recorded the weather data. Paula will see if she can gather more info.

**Scipio Black Heritage Trail Marker:** BHTNH has agreed to an event date in November 2024. Donna laid out all the respective support documents for the committee. There are so many papers that we'll use a three-ring binder with dividers. Some pages need to be retyped.

**Adjourn/Next Meeting:** Paula made a motion to adjourn at 7:00, Fred seconded. Next meeting will be the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, May 22, 6 pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary