

SUBJECT TO CORRECTION AND APPROVAL

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

September 26, 2022 6:35 (usually 6) pm

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Gail Martel, Fred Mullen, Lee Mullen, Bill Nichols, Bill Zeller, (Paula Mangini by phone)

Members out of town/absent: Dave Nault (Selectman Liaison), Linda Nickerson, Ken Swayze

Guest: Emily Eggens

Minutes: Fred made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting. Gail seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: Gail reported a new balance of \$6,597.06 as of 8/31/22.

DES Update: Bill Zeller met with the new Principal Mr. V. and received a warm reception for our committee. He was only able to briefly cross paths with the two 3rd grade teachers Lois Wicklow and Danielle Jordan (new this year) but will set up a meeting soon. It appears the Historic House Gingerbread Program will continue. We're not sure if they will require any speakers or special programs as yet.

Old School Records: A few recently turned up which can help with our research.

School Sign Project: The site of the **Ray School House** foundation at 160 Mansion Road has new owners and Fred, Lee and Gail Martel will arrange to meet with them about obtaining permission to place a brown metal site marker there. The foundation of the **Stinson School House** on Gorham Pond Road has had a driveway put through it. The schoolyard maple tree is still standing though. Someone will need to meet to meet with the owners. Donna may draft a letter from the entire Committee.

The wording of the signs involves many documents and is too time-consuming for a meeting. It was decided to have a workshop at Donna's where she's gathered copies of the documents. First workshop is this Wednesday 9/28 at 9 am. Potentially even Thursday 9/29 at the same time.

Stark Barn Dance Video: The Committee viewed the first draft of the video which is slightly over 6 minutes long. Dan said it's a work in progress and he can add to it. It would be nice to include some of the footage describing the teen dances, the Weare "bouncer brothers," the crowd that gathered as a whole, Jessie Boynton and the snow-for-ice story, and some of Janice's music in the background that was played. We can make some cover boards with a thank you to the current owners including the new barn sign, plus with info such as the year range of the dances to make that clearer. Donna will call Dan Ryan.

Lou Sillari's Town Hall Romance Video: Paula is working on a cover board but we need to include a photo of a Ford Roadster with rumble seat and running boards. Lou's son will google photos and help his dad ID a photo we can use. Donna will send the video as is to everyone to view and provide input. Please remember the video began based on being told the dance was at the "barn" when in fact it was upstairs at the Town Hall so Donna had to shift gears quickly during the interview. Lou also said there was a balcony upstairs at the Town Hall, but we feel he is remembering the porticos in the front of the building. This all happened in 1935 and Lou is 106!

Black Heritage Trail Marker for Scipio: We are still locating true "source" material. Application is more than half done.

Historic House Signs: The cost of the material has increased 35% but the sign maker will hold the price at \$200.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Bill N. made a motion to adjourn at 7:55, Fred seconded. Next meeting will be Monday, October 24, at our standard 6 pm time frame at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary