

## DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

February 9, 2021, 6:00 pm Town Office (Covid pandemic precautions taken: masks & social distancing)

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

Members out of town/absent: Bob Boynton, Bill Nichols, Linda Nickerson, Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller

**Minutes:** Lee made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/28/20 minutes, Paula seconded, unanimous.

**DHAC Financials:** Reviewed (4) Citizens statements received since last meeting: sold (10) books, \$100 expense on 9/30/20 for historic gingerbread houses.

**DHAC Monies:** Having no meetings has caused a problem with cash flow. The Chair traditionally goes before the Committee for prior approval to make purchases but Covid has prevented this. Donna has been paying for some expenses out of pocket, but that's an exception to the rule and can't continue in the long term. Lee Martel made a motion "To allow the chair of the DHAC Committee to spend up to \$100 per month, as needed, to purchase supplies and or digital services pertinent to the research necessary to enable the committee to follow their mission statement." Fred seconded, unanimous.

**Association of NH Historical Societies:** Comprised of historical groups and Museums in NH. Email can be shared by ANHSH in an email blast which could be a real help with identifying old photos. Donna spoke with the Administrator, Heather Mitchell (who's also a member of the Hopkinton Historical Society) and they hope to expand this service. It's worth the small membership fee of \$10 to see if this works. Donna made a motion to join, Paula seconded, unanimous. This will be revisited next year,

**New "Got History?" Sign:** One is needed to replace the pre-250<sup>th</sup> anniversary sign at the Town Office; they can be printed in various sizes at the town office: letter, legal and ledger. Signs can also be posted in other physical or digital places. Paula made three great samples that everyone received by email today. It was agreed to use Sample #3 for the town office. Donna will print and back with black cardstock.

**"History Identifiers" Email list:** Donna finally finished the "old-timers" and "lived in Dunbarton" email list and it has 46 addresses. If an old-timer doesn't have an email, we've sometimes been able to get one for the closest relative who can print and share. Currently working on identifying old school photos before the elders pass away.

**School Site Signs:** Fred, Lee Martel and Donna were able to get together safely last month to further work on verifying the actual sites of the old schools based on maps, old records, Alice's Hadley's unpublished manuscripts and history books. They also came up with a theoretical sign format which should provide the most consistent signage throughout town. Hope to use the State Prison Sign shop and the same brown metal signs utilized for Stark Bridge sign. Most of the years when each school was no longer used can be found, but more research as to when each was *started* needs to be done to put dates on the actual signs.

**Meetings:** Although there have been no Committee meetings since 9/28, Donna put together two update sheets and mailed them to the group on 10/30 & 11/27. Otherwise, we've been keeping in touch via email. It was decided to post these update sheets to our page on the town website so residents will know what we've been working on during the Covid pandemic.

**Stark Grange and Veterans Grange Flag:** Fred provided some history: The Stark Grange wanted to honor their members who served in WWI & WWII. They did so with a flag. Fred has custody of it along with papers showing membership and additional information. The Stark Grange (1874-1950s) no longer exists, but there's still a NH State Grange with an office in Hooksett. Dick Patten, Past President and current State Historian for the NH State Grange has died. Fred is very interested in records he may have left behind.

**Adjourn/Next Meeting:** Lee made a motion to adjourn at 6:40, Fred seconded. No scheduled future meetings due to the Covid pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary