

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013
AT THE DUNBARTON TOWN OFFICES

PRESENT: Ted and Allison Vallieres, Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Bill and Rebecca Rolke.

NOYES COLLECTION: Among several businesses consulted regarding ideas to reduce the smoky odor of the documents, Jennifer Bytely of Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts suggested using a disaster mitigation service, and gave three names of companies the Conservation Center can vouch for. Rebecca called one of them, spoke with a representative, and found out their services include exposure of the papers to a particular gas (the rep did not remember the name of the gas). The company would guarantee their work, even if it took several attempts to deodorize. The rep sent an email with general pricing for the committee and Town Clerk Linda Landry to consider. All of this is on hold, though, as on a December Saturday morning, Donna, Bill and Rebecca again met at the town offices to work on the collection. Surprisingly, the papers' odor had pretty well dissipated. Perhaps after the group looked through the papers a few weeks prior, the papers had a chance to air out. The contents of the bins were examined, and decisions were made to generally begin to organize. After a few hours work, the documents were returned to their bins, and placed back on shelves inside a town office. Regarding the eventual copying of the collection, Rebecca talked with the manager of Kinko's in Concord, and they would be willing to copy the thousands of pages, once organized, on archival copy paper, for a quoted price of twenty- five cents per sheet.

HISTORIC HOUSE SIGNS: A Dunbarton couple has ordered and paid for a new sign for their antique home, and Donna will contact sign maker Dick Baynes to begin work on a computerized mock-up, which will be presented to the homeowners for their approval.

DUNBARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: There was discussion regarding a possible field trip for the schoolchildren to Stark cemetery, where many notable people are buried. Permission would need to be granted by the Dunbarton Historical Society trustees first. Additionally, it was discussed whether to approach a town resident with longstanding ties to the DES, to suggest that they might consider being a liaison person between the school and the DHAC. The committee might be able to provide assistance to the school for events such as Colonial Day, when the historic occupations and other aspects of life long ago are showcased.

NOMINATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS: Ted and Allison Vallieres, and Lynn Aramini have expressed interest in joining the DHAC. Their nominations were accepted, and Les Hammond said that he would present this information at the next Selectmans meeting.

2013 DUNBARTON TOWN REPORT: Donna will write up the report for the Cobbler Shop, and Rebecca will write the DHAC report. Both documents will be sent electronically to Line Comeau, Town Administrator, for inclusion in the annual town report.. Donna had contacted Town Treasurer Pam Milioto, and announced our financial status at this meeting. Account amounts will be published in the 2013 Town Report

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 27, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rolke
Chair and Secretary