

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

January 25, 2016, 6:30 Meeting – Town Offices

Members Present: Tiffany Dodd, Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Leo Martel

(Members Absent/Out of Town: Laraine Allen, Lynne Aramini, Gail Martel, Ken Swayze, Alison/Ted Vallieres, Bill Zeller)

DHAC Funds:

Statements received and reviewed. No deposits; outflow of \$50 for the DES historic gingerbread houses.

2015 Town Report:

Written and submitted to the Town Administrator well in advance of the due date

2016 Planning:

Donna has offered to continue when her term is up in March. Laraine would prefer not to be Treasurer as her responsibilities in New Jersey make it difficult; Les has agreed to be Treasurer. Members have busy and committed schedules; all in attendance agreed we need new, perhaps younger members with broader tech/computer skills than at present.

Educational Material:

We should consider putting another "*Teacher Tidbit*" for either/ both February (Black History Month) and March (Women's History Month.) Scipio Page was discussed as a possibility; Donna has info and will see if there is time to pull something together. Two Dunbarton women who were "firsts" will be considered for March: Mary Barnard, Dunbarton's first female State Representative (1920s) and Carol Gable (sp?) or Beverly Marcou, one of which was Dunbarton's first female Selectman. More info needed.

Home Schoolers:

In regard to putting together a program for home schooled children at the Library, names are difficult to come by. Apparently there was a House Bill passed a few years ago which removed the need for parents to register their child with the local school, so the DES no longer has a mailing list. We need to contact the SAU to see what they have. If no "list" exists only word-of-mouth remains. A potential program "Dig into Dunbarton History" may need to be postponed until we can come up with a viable contact list. (Note: there are also children that go to private schools outside of Dunbarton.)

Historical House Signs:

It was agreed we need a mailing list for Historical House owners; and Historical House Owners-to-Be; clerical help is needed.

Miscellaneous/Old Business:

"Where Settlers' Feet Have Trod" – about 325 books remain. Ways of getting them into homes were discussed - especially folks that have only been in town for only a few years. One idea was to gift them under controlled circumstances (i.e. attendance at a historic event). Leo suggested stapling a photo of a book to the outside of the DGC welcome bags. Additional ideas are needed.

Swimming Holes – in line with collecting more information about how children spent their leisure time 'years ago'..... In addition to the swimming hole the town made for children at the 'end' of Everett Road (remains of concrete walls are still there). Les mentioned there was once a swimming hole at the bottom of Mills Hill near the old tannery. It's hoped somebody can step forward with additional information.

Noyes Historical Collection: Marion Crosby can no longer help and has submitted her letter of resignation. That leaves six people per Bud's instructions, only two of which are on the Awareness Committee. The remaining six have agreed to continue working independently but are happy to update the DHAC at any time, and will gladly accept any help the DHAC can offer.

Tiffany made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30; Les seconded.

The February meeting will be Monday February 22, 2015, Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary