

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

February 24, 2016, 6:30 Meeting - Town Offices

Members Present: Laraine Allen, Tiffany Dodd, Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Gail Martel, Leo Martel, Bill Zeller
Members out of town/absent: Lynn Aramini, Ken Swayze, Alison & Ted Vallieres

Minutes: Leo made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1-25-16 meeting; Les seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DHAC Funds: Both 1/15/16 Bank Statements reviewed & accepted. The Library has sold another of Bud's books for \$10 cash. Donna will deposit.

February/Black History Month: A Scipio Page *Teacher's Tidbit* sheet was produced & distributed to all DES Teachers.

March/Women's History Month: Donna, Laraine & Lynn are doing research for a *Teachers Tidbit* sheet regarding the "First Women of Dunbarton." The one-page size is limiting but necessary to maintain interest. We will try to include: Legislator, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Police, Fire, Selectmen. Other categories can be explored next year.

We would like a younger photo of Ruth Garvin than that which is in Alice Hadley's book. Les will check for one. It's also possible there is something at the DCC. Donna asked Arline Little; she doesn't have one. No response from Alison.

The 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment allowing women the right to vote will occur in 2019. There was a discussion about a possible (small) book for the Elementary School with all of the "First Women of Dunbarton" including such notables as Marianne Parker Dascomb and Louisa Whipple Colby to honor this anniversary.

Two books of this type from the Dunbarton Library "More Than Petticoats – Remarkable New Hampshire Women" and "Women of the Golden State" (co-written by Dunbarton's own Joyce Ray) were passed around.

Native American History: Judy Stone shared an old Journal with Laraine & Donna. In it was a drawing of the "Indian Oven" and some text about it. Where is it? Page's Corner? The info will be shared with the Conservation Commission and KTF Committee – perhaps someone can help locate it. It could be part of a *Teacher Tidbit* sheet for Native American Heritage Month next November. Leo, a Native American Indian himself, is a good candidate to get involved with this.

The Journal also included text on the "Tipping Rocks."

"Where Settlers' Feet Have Trod": Gail suggested selling it at the Curio Shop along with the books of other Town Authors. Great idea and Donna will check it out. Revising the "sales sheet" currently placed in the Garden Club's Welcome Bags was also discussed. Perhaps we can offer to deliver it to potential buyers?

Historic Signs: To date the only historic sign we have for a "site" is the Town Pound. A mockup of a composite sign for "Scipio Page, Home Site, ca. 1783" was shown. This site is along the Bela Brook Trail and has GPS coordinates. Our sign would replace the temporary sign(s) already there. The cost is the standard \$105 and the size is 18" x 8.75". Les made the motion to purchase a sign and Laraine seconded. Vote was unanimous. The sign has already been tentatively approved by Fred Mullen but we'll check further to see whether it should be installed on a tree or a 4x4 PT post.

Another site to consider is "Bailey's Corner." There is already a sign there (the second?) which is in poor condition. It was made by a member of the Burnside Family. This will be considered as part of a more comprehensive plan.

Leo made a motion to adjourn at 7:20; Bill seconded.

Next Meeting Monday, March 28, 6:30, Town Office

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn
Chair & Secretary