

SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

March 28, 2016, 6:30 Meeting - Town Office

Members Present: Laraine Allen, Lynn Aramini, Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Gail Martel,
Lee Martel, Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller, Selectman Liaison Bob Martel
Members out of town/absent: Tiffany Dodd, Alison Vallieres

Minutes: Lee made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2-24-16 meeting; Les seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectmen Liaison: A warm welcome was extended to Bob Martel, our new Selectmen's Rep.

DHAC Funds: Both 2/29/16 Bank Statements were reviewed & accepted. Les Hammond is the new Treasurer; Laraine Allen transferred her records to him. Welcome Les. Thank You Laraine for filling the position when needed.

March/Women's History Month: Based on the draft presented at the previous meeting, the *Teacher's Tidbit* sheet regarding the "First Women of Dunbarton" was printed and distributed to all teachers/classrooms at DES. Categories included: Legislator (1921), Town Clerk (1973), Town Treasurer (1939), Police (2002), Fire (1981), Selectmen (1985).

Dunbarton Women's History: The two books discussed last month: "More Than Petticoats – Remarkable New Hampshire Women" and "Women of the Golden State" (co-written by Dunbarton's own Joyce Ray) were given to the DES 5th & 6th grade teachers and we're awaiting input. Perhaps something along these lines could be compiled about important Dunbarton women (Marianne Parker Dascomb, Louise Whipple Colby, etc.). Joyce Ray will provide input on our raw research material.

The 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote is in 2020. The movie "Suffragette" was released in 2015, and even the Union Leader has published multiple articles recently about Women's Suffrage. Everyone should be on the lookout to see if we can discover a Dunbarton "Suffragette" like we discovered Dunbarton's female Abolitionists and their "Female Anti-Slavery Society".

Apparently there is software to help write books: text can be entered and the software tells you what age group your material targets. It can also offer suggestions for word/text changes if you wish to direct your material to a different age group.

Ken asked about potential quantity; rough guess 50, 100 books maybe more - enough for the school, library and some to sell. There are self-publishing options available and certain types of books can be team assembled. Some other items to consider: good, interesting graphics & photos, something to hold the young readers interest, something they can relate to. History is a hard sell, must have a story line that catches the reader's attention - perhaps interactive features, i.e. coloring pages.

Native American History Month - November: Bob will work with Lee to come up with information for a *Teacher's Tidbit* sheet. Bob advised that Indians (male & female) did not have the right to vote until 1921 and could only do so after passing a literacy test. He has a book of local Native American language; we could include short, useful language translations such as "Good Morning."

"Where Settlers' Feet Have Trod": Books are being sold at the Curio Shop on commission along with the books of other Town Authors. The price is \$10, and the Committee hopes \$2 (20%) for the shop is reasonable. Any future letters to Historic House owners can also include an envelope for them to send in a check and we'll deliver the book. We want the books in homes; make it easy.

Historic Signs: The Scipio Page Home Site sign is finished; Donna will arrange pickup. Lee will check with the Conservation Commission about how they want it installed (there may be future signs on other sites). The sign is composite, but does contain some wood and could possibly cup/warp without proper support.

Town Pound: The new sign was installed by Dan van Kalken; the old wooden sign is with the others. Ken will check with Dan about deeds and see if we can pinpoint the actual corners of the town's (50 x 50?) plot; perhaps a surveyor could look at it?

Ken made a motion to adjourn at 7:28; Les seconded.

There will be no meeting in April. Next Meeting is Monday, May 23, 6:30, Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn
Chair & Secretary