

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

May 23, 2016, 6:30 Meeting – Town Offices

Members Present: Lynn Aramini, Tiffany Dodd, Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Bob Martel (Selectmen Liaison),
Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller

(Members Absent/Out of Town: Laraine Allen, Gail & Lee Martel, Alison Vallieres)

Minutes: Ken made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3-28-16 meeting; Bill seconded.

DHAC Funds: No expenditures, insignificant interest, both statements accepted.

Historical Signs: A photo of our first “site” sign for the Scipio Page Home Site was shared. Lee mounted the standard size sign on a 4x4 pressure-treated post. Future signs might be wider and mounted on two posts.

Potential Dunbarton Women’s History Book:

The two books discussed at a previous meeting were reviewed by Teacher Heidi Virta who felt the outline would be good for the 4th and 5th grades. Think: interactive, colorful, photos.

Joyce Ray, author, reviewed the research binder for Mariane Parker Dascomb and felt there was good material available. Would like to see more information about the Amistad captive, Sara Magru Kinson, and her educational experience. Also more information about living conditions at the college, food, and correspondence home. Source material would be needed, i.e. actual letters written by both parties. Perhaps Oberlin College can help.

Joyce Ray is also willing to review the research binder for Louise Whipple Colby and provide feedback.

Other “women” for consideration include: Dr. Anna Philbrick, Stark Sisters (silk venture), and ??

National Science Month : Is there any way to relate Dunbarton history to this and tie in DES? Very rudimentary “science” in Dunbarton: Sawmills, brick making, tannery, cider making, arsenic mine.... This is probably a dead end, but we’ll all see if we can come up with additional ideas.

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.

Ethics Training: A Memorandum was sent to Departments and Town Committees requesting all employees and committees of the town attend a mandatory meeting with the Dunbarton Ethics Committee on Thursday, June 2, at 10 am. Day time is very difficult, it was suggested we invite the Ethics Committee to a meeting.

Ken made a motion to adjourn at 7:15; Bill seconded.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 27, 6:30, Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn
Chair & Secretary