

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

June 27, 2016, 6:30 Meeting – 125 Tenney Hill Road, Dunbarton, NH

Members Present: Laraine Allen, Lynn Aramini, Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Gail Martel,
Lee Martel, Selectman Liaison Bob Martel

Members out of town/absent: Tiffany Dodd, Ken Swayze, Alison Vallieres, Bill Zeller
Guest: Chris Allen

Minutes: Lee made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5/24/16 meeting; Lynn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DHAC Funds: Both 5/31/16 Bank Statements were reviewed. The only expenditure was \$105 for the Scipio Page Homestead sign. Statements accepted.

Guest: Chris Allen was our guest this evening. Chris has worked for years behind the scenes doing research for the committee when called upon. Her skill with [genenology.com](http://www.genenology.com), find a grave, and other on-line research tools has been most helpful. The committee extends their thanks for her assistance.

Dunbarton Library's New Local History Room: The small space in the southwest corner of the library that was previously blocked off and occupied by "stage stairs" has been opened up and finished off by volunteer efforts, with Bob Martel being a major player. Thanks! The Library would like the space to host local history.

Bill Morse has generously built shelf units for two walls at 57" and 48" in length. They are 7' tall (84") with an interior depth of 11.5." Shelves are adjustable and 'double thick' to avoid sagging in future. They still require paint.

As the room awaits its new shelves, it's currently housing old town reports already in possession of the library. The former Library Director, Andrea, also hoped this space could contain old town photos, letters, scrapbooks, maps, and anything related to Dunbarton's past that could be accessed by residents for research and enjoyment.

Families (including the children) currently living in historic homes in Dunbarton would no doubt be interested in the history of the buildings and the people that lived in them....especially if photos exist. .

One item to consider would be a "children's shelf" showing what life was like "back then" with photos of children playing...bare feet, swimming in the ice pond....perhaps vintage toys from Sturbridge Village? We'll size up what we currently have access to and contact the Library Trustees to see what might fit their vision.

Meeting Schedule: Due to the number of Committee Members that will be out of town for the next two months, and the fact the DES is not in session, Lee made a motion there be no regularly scheduled meetings in July or August. Les seconded, vote was unanimous. If necessary, a special meeting can be arranged.

Next Meeting: Lynn made a motion to adjourn at 7:22; Laraine seconded. Next Meeting is Monday, September 26, 6:30 at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn
Chair & Secretary