

**DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE**

October 24, 2016, 6:30 Meeting – Town Office

Members Present: Tiffany Dodd, Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Bob Martel (Selectman Liaison),  
Gail Martel, Lee Martel, Bill Zeller

Members out of town/absent: Laraine Allen, Lynn Aramini, Ken Swayze, Alison Vallieres,

Guests: Bob Boynton, Linda Landry, Mark Landry

**Minutes:** Lee made a motion to accept the minutes of the 9/26/16 meeting. Gail seconded. Unanimous.

**DHAC Funds:** Both 9/30/16 Bank Statements were reviewed. No expenditures; pennies for interest. Statements accepted.

**Wheelwright Shop Crn. Morse/Montalona:** Donna visited the site to take new photos (last photos taken were in 2006) and meet the fellow who is taking the shop down and moving it to Maine where he will rebuild and use it as a blacksmith shop. He's being very careful to preserve every scrap of history and even located the large, old bellows under a pile of wood which he hopes to restore if possible. Donna put the 2006 photos on a disk and shared; he welcomes us to drop in from time to time to take additional photos. Hopes to finish removal before snowfall. The Committee will consider a sign for the site.

**October - Archeology Day:** Shelley Westenberg is still trying to see if she can round up children and their parents to resume last year's dig in front of the Town Offices (old Center School). The two vintage skate blades found last year were cleaned and coated in rust prohibitor. If we can find some photos of children skating, we could do a display board. When Arline Little attended the Center School in the 1940's, the teacher would take all the children to skate on the Ice Pond behind the Center Store during lunch hour. We have access to a photo of the Ice Pond in the summer with swimmers; no winter views as of yet.

**November - Native American Heritage Month:** Bob advised there are several other historic Indian sites in town other than the Indian Grinding Stone but their whereabouts are generally not disclosed for fear of the sites being disturbed. One is an old Indian burying ground. Lee believes he & Bob might be able to locate (from their rambling days of their youth) the last site in Dunbarton near Little Lane where Indians resided and perhaps take a photo. Les thought Bill Nichols might have info and will contact him. We could also obtain a photo of the Indian Grinding Stone and possibly put together a Teacher Tidbit Sheet if we can come up with enough visuals.

**April – National Letter Writing Month:** Perhaps we could find a short hand-written letter and/or post card; enlarge and provide to DES along with stationary, envelopes and stamps. Children could write letters to each other and actually mail them. Other thoughts?? 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade?? (Linda explained the WEE Deliver program at the DES she helped with in the late '80/early 90's)

**Committee Education & History Awareness:** Les Hammond and Bob Boynton both brought photos to share. Many were scanned or photographed; one even helped identify a mystery in the Hadley-Tucker Collection. By sharing the photos with others via email afterwards, many subjects were identified. Some photos of school children (especially those with bare feet!) may be used in future Teacher Tidbit sheets.

**Next Meeting:** Lee made a motion to adjourn at 7:42; Bob seconded. Next Meeting is Monday, 11/21/16.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary