Minutes: Lee made a motion to accept the minutes of the 11/21/16 meeting, Les seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Funds: 11/30/16 Bank Statements accepted: no expenses, pennies for interest.

December - Historic Gingerbread Houses: Almost 30 students participated this year with fantastic results; some even photocopied pages from Bud’s book to place beside the structure they recreated. Bill will collect the books and they’ll be stored for next year. The tiny “historical house signs” the committee made for each structure were a hit with the kids. Definitely something we should repeat next year.

Educational Calendar 2016-2017: Lee suggested Dunbarton abolitionists for January. Due to the Holidays, individual schedules, and the need to put together our Town Report, it might not be possible. If not, we’ll try for Black History month in February. Bob checked on-line census data and found names of six black slaves who lived here in 1790. Three are identified in Alice Hadley’s notes: Scipio Page, Sampson Moor (Battis) and Cesar Porter. Three others were not: Daniel Jemerson (Jameson? Flintlock Farm?), John Robins and Daniel Foster…although her notes allude to an Andrew Foster.

Both Lee Martel & Bill Zeller felt we do not need a new Teacher Tidbit Sheet each year; we can repeat from previous years as is or slightly tweak the material.

An idea for November 2017 was floated: history about Dunbarton’s turkey farms. Les put Donna in touch with a descendant who lived on such a farm and is willing to be interviewed.

Skates: Bill’s brother (who also grew up in town) gave him an old pair of skates that might be of the same vintage as the remnants the schoolkids dug up. We still haven’t found any photos of “skating in Dunbarton.”

Dunbarton Library Historical Resources: The committee received a nice thank you note from the Library Trustees and Librarian Mary thanking us for our donation of genealogy.com. In hopes that we can continue to provide resources the students and others can use, the Committee unbound a donated original copy of the 1902 edition of the “Granite Monthly” which contains a Dunbarton history written by Col. William H. Stinson and includes over 164 views and portraits. The pages are in flat archival sleeves to preserve the paper, but it also makes it easy to photocopy, photograph or scan without distortion. The donor, knowing a good number of other original copies exist, was happy to “sacrifice” an original to make it useful.

Native American Heritage Month: Lee will work on gathering visuals for next year. Someone else will do the layout and paperwork.

Letter to Historical Property Owners: Some ideas: Tri-fold vs. letter, perhaps a tear off sheet they can submit with a check to purchase WSFHT and we could deliver the book, etc. It was suggested we take our time putting this together and start by roughing out something by hand.
**WSFHT:** We have lots of books left to sell. Library is currently our only source of sales. Linda Landry will put books on her counter to sell.

**House Signs:** In Lee’s follow up conversation with Ron Jarvis about a potential sign for the “Hadley-Kimball” former mill site, Ron suggested a metal sign. Apparently, people like to take down wooden (or what looks like it) signs and use them in campfires. Lee will check with the NH State Prison workshop about metal signs when he gets a chance. No rush.

**Historical House Sign Qualifications:** Discussion ensued. Someone will need to dig through Bud Noyes’ old files to see how many times a sign was denied and for what reasons. Lee said he will try to find some time. We also need to think about “new” houses that have been built on very old foundations.

**Potential Children’s Coloring/Book:** Discussion about approach: Write to teachers at Bow High School and/or send letters to Dunbarton High Schoolers? Need more information.

**Committee Report for 2016 Town Report:** Usually due by 1/15; Line will send a reminder soon. Due to Committee member’s schedules, we will need to submit ours well in advance of that date.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 23, 6:30 at the Town Offices.

Lee made a motion to adjourn at 7:40, seconded by Les, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn,
Chair & Secretary