SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
June 7, 2017, 6:30 Meeting (in lieu of May 22) – Town Office

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

Minutes: Lee motioned to accept the minutes of the 4/24/17 meeting. Gail seconded, unanimous.


Alice Hadley’s Genealogy: A photocopy of the original manuscript along with a printed version of the transcription is now in the Library’s History Room – in six new binders, tabbed and with an index. The DVD and thumb drive have not yet been made.

Black History (Feb): (Follow up) Shelley is checking with the 5th/6th grade teachers to see if having Michelle Arnosky Sherburne* speak in the fall would fit into their schedules. Shelley suggested she speak at the school, we originally considered the Library. Michelle will consider a ‘twofer’ as student contact is paramount to her. *Author of Slavery & the Underground Railroad in NH, https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467118347

Historical Site Signs: Lee installed signs for the “Site of Benjamin Hadley Grist Mill Circa 1771” and the “Mill Worker Boarding House Date Unknown.” Donna will send photos. Laraine asked about the Stark Mill Site. Committee agrees and will follow up when bridge construction is completed. Laraine and her daughter Chris will do date and wording research.

Historic House Signs: Bud’s research and WSFHT book included most structures over 100 years of age. Additional homes will soon qualify for signs, but the current Committee has no one trained in title/deed research. Future members with these skills should be considered. Donna contacted the NH Preservation Alliance to see about programs that we might be able to offer homeowners here in Dunbarton on how to research their homes. Some considerations: Honorarium? Invite only? Fall? Casual Setting?

May-Memorial Day: “WWI Veteran Walter Gould – Born Alone, Died Alone” was a very successful collaboration with the DES and the Dunbarton Veterans. We provided the DES a five-foot long photo of the First NH Infantry with an interactive Q & A sheet. Students were also given VFW poppies to hold during the DES Friday ceremonies while the Principal told Walter’s story. The Veterans also included Walter in the Town Common ceremony on Monday, stopping at his gravestone with its newly completed inscription for people to affix poppies. The Veterans said it was the largest turnout ever for the Town Common activities. The DHAC then set up two tables at the Community Center with Walter’s papers and photos for viewing.

The WWI photo on the Selectmen’s Wall was copied/enlarged/placed on disk for use on Memorial Day as previously discussed, and then professionally preserved with documentation on the back side. Unfortunately, no one seems to know where this photo came from. Lynn made a motion to reimburse Donna the $163.96 cost (well under the estimate), Laraine seconded, unanimous.

2017-2018 Sept – June Education Calendar: Donna will do a draft with ideas and send to the Committee for additional input.

History Tapes: The DES found two dusty VHS tapes “Webster Burnham 1988” and “Gert Dulude (1995?)” and wanted to know if we could convert them to DVD. Lee motioned we budget up to $50, Lynn seconded, approved. Gail will take the tapes to Concord Camera.

Rebels and Redcoats: A NHHS interactive game in a recent newspaper article was discussed. Donna will send the article to members. Maybe it could be incorporated into DES or OHD activities. More research needed.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Lee made a motion to adjourn at 7:30, seconded by Lynn, unanimous. Next scheduled meeting will be 9/25/17 (no meeting in July or August.) If circumstances make a meeting necessary, all will be notified and the meeting posted. Donna will notify Line to amend the website.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary