DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
September 25, 2017 Meeting, 6:30 – Town Office

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Paula Mangini, Gail Martel, Lee Martel, Bob Martel (Selectman Liaison), Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller
Members out of town/absent: Laraine Allen, Lynn Aramini, Alison Vallieres,
Guest: Katie Nelson, Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Dunbarton Master Plan: Katie Nelson of the CNHRPC reviewed the draft revision of Dunbarton’s 2004 Master Plan; everyone received hard copies and two maps to review. Katie recorded our recommendations but we have until 12/31/17 to submit final observations/updates/photos with all being funneled to Katie through Donna.

Minutes: Lee made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/26/17 minutes, Les seconded, unanimous.

Committee Members Update: Tiffany Dodd has stepped down due to logistic issues and Paula Mangini has been sworn in to complete Tiffany’s term which expires in March 2018. A Big Thank You to Tiffany and a Big Welcome to Paula! No action was taken at present regarding amending the expiration date of another member’s term.

DHAC Funds: 6/30, 7/31 and 8/31 statements reviewed: $70 book sale income, $126.92 expenses, pennies for interest.

Library History Room -Alice Hadley Town Genealogy: In addition to the photocopied raw manuscript, there is now a hard copy of the ‘transcription’ and a searchable DVD and Thumb Drive. Copies of the remainder of Alice Hadley’s original unpublished town history manuscripts have also been added and are in labeled binders with a table of contents. It took months of work to make this material available to students and the public. Thank you to Town Clerk Linda Landry for making the material available, to Mert Mann for photocopying and to others for various assistance.

Library Edition Ancestry.com: The State Library reported we had 18 users from January to September and 1,029 searches. Next year there will be a $10.20 increase in cost if we wish to continue the service.

Black History “The Underground Railroad in NH” On Thursday, October 19, Vermont Author Michelle Aronsky Sherburne will make three separate presentations at the DES and then a fourth at the Public Library at 6:30. The DES will inform Dunbarton students in Bow about the evening presentation. Space will be limited as usual and it’s hoped no one will need to be turned away. Michelle’s usual speaking fee for this area is $150, but she’s agreed to do all presentations for a total of $200. Lee made a motion to approve the fee, seconded by Paula, unanimous.

DES School History Project: The DES asked both the DHAC and DHS to locate Dunbarton school graduates willing to speak to four classrooms on 10/13/17 for a research project about school “then and now.” It might be videotaped. The DHAC has confirmed several speakers: Bill Zeller, Les Hammond, Jen Oliver, Don Untiet (age 92, perhaps the last student of the South Dunbarton School) with others giving consideration to the request.

Dunbarton’s 12 School Sites: We’re trying to locate photos and/or descriptions of all the old school houses. Fred Mullen has studied old maps and provided the coordinates (correcting a map in one case.) All info has been shared with Bill Zeller who’s making a presentation on this subject at the “School Reunion” on 9/30. Although the DHS shared one photo (which was digitally enhanced as a thank you), requests to view other photos have not been granted. Old school sites will be visited in future when vegetation dies back. Historical Signs will be considered.

Old DES VHS History Tapes: Now on DVD; thumb drive soon. A volunteer is trying to enhance the very poor sound on the 1983 Webster Burnham video and we’re still looking for a script to accompany the no-audio 1995 Historic Structures video. The latter is of poor viewing quality; its intrinsic value lies in documentation.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Lee made a motion to adjourn at 7:47, Bill seconded, unanimous. Next meeting is Monday, 10/23/17, 6:30 at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary