DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
December 18, 2017 Meeting, 6:30 – Town Office

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Paula Mangini, Gail Martel, Lee Martel, Fred Mullen, Bill Zeller
Members out of town/absent: Laraine Allen, Lynn Aramini, Les Hammond,
Bob Martel (Selectman Liaison), Ken Swayze, Alison Vallieres
Guest: Linda Nickerson

Minutes: Lee made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/27/17 meeting. Bill seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: The 11/31/17 statements were reviewed and accepted. $30 Book sale income; no expenses.

Historical Interviews: Don Untiet, age 92, was videotaped in the South School on 12/1. On 12/22, we will videotape both Don and Rodney Doucet, also a graduate of the South School. A discussion followed regarding the easiest way to make these available to the students and public. Tech adviser Linda Nickerson recommended setting up a youtube channel and will research it.

Dunbarton’s Scout Camps: Dennis Winter, another member of the family who lived at the old boy scout camp site and later on Burnham Lane, visited from New York and brought stacks of photos with him. Linda Landry graciously hosted the visit. Dennis left some photos for Donna to copy and then return. She’ll send copies to Ford and Gail Winter and see if either of them can identify “the camp” in any of the photos. Dennis has offered to return and be videotaped.

School House Sites: Two former school sites were verified with GPS coordinates by Fred. The Stark School (intersection Ray/Mansion/Hoyt Rds. on Army Corp. Land), granite foundation approx. 20 x 20 with indications of an addition and an outhouse. Many metal pieces verified the school’s later use as a blacksmith/wheelwright shop and possibly auto shop. But where did the buildings go? The Stinson School (Gorham Pond Rd, private land), granite foundation approx. 20 x 26 (structure definitely brick with same footprint as Page’s Corner School), and indication of an outhouse. But where did all the bricks go? Both locations had one very old tree on the west side of the school, as well as a running brook for fresh water. Both schools were in existence in 1903.

Annual Historic Gingerbread Houses: Houses were made on Friday, 12/15 and will be on display for one week at the DES. Student Leonardo Roy, who reproduced the “Florence Dow House” will be photographed with Sue Johonnett, the actual house owner.

Annual Town Report: A draft was presented and accepted. It includes the new ‘official town email address’ for the committee, dunbartonhistorytod@gmail.com. This email address can be used in perpetuity and will retain email for future members to reference.

Library Edition ancestry.com: Cost is now $200, an increase of $10.20. Librarian Mary Girard rechecked the usage with the State Library; we had a total of 15 users this year to date. We’d like to see higher usage and a discussion on how to spread the word followed: Post availability on PTO site, Dunbarton Community Group, registered home schoolers at DES, etc. Paula suggested contacting VLAX based out of Durham to see if they can make contact with the homeschoolers in town. Lee made a motion to pay the fee for one more year and recheck usage next year, Bill seconded, unanimous.

Master Plan: We didn’t hear back from Ken about the status of the map info submitted to the CNHRPC. Donna will contact them. Fred provided updated road corrections. Donna will submit this along with our text revisions and ask for a revised draft by the end of January for final review. To date, still no input from the Dunbarton Historical Society.

New Member as a Technical Liaison: Linda Nickerson’s name will be submitted to the Selectmen as a new member with duties only as a Technical Liaison. She’ll work online, mostly at home and probably won’t attend many meetings.

Voting quorum. Due to the inability of some members to attend meetings, Lee made a motion we establish a voting quorum of five, Bill seconded, unanimous.

Missing tax assessment papers: While reviewing the 1941 tax map papers to verify school locations, Fred & Line discovered the entire “M” section is missing, folder plus material. Donna will send Fred & Line a copy of the 2006-2007 Vault Inventory for reference to see if it was listed at that time.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Lee made a motion to adjourn at 7:52, Fred seconded, unanimous. Next meeting is 1/22/2018, 6:30 at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary