SUBJECT TO CORRECTION AND APPROVAL

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
December 17, 2018, 6:30, Town Office

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Paula Mangini, Gail Martel, Lee Martel, Bob Martel (Selectman Liaison), Fred Mullen, Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller

Members out of town/absent: Lynn Aramini, Laraine Allen, Bob Boynton, Les Hammond, Linda Nickerson

Minutes: Ken made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/26/18 meeting, Bill seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: The November statement was reviewed and accepted. Income: $60 books, $20 anonymous donation, $100 donation from the Botnick family.

Annual DES Historic Gingerbread House Project: Amazing! Took photos of most of the children with their “historic home creations” and emailed them to the “real” homeowners. Good feedback.

Native American History Month: Both Press Releases published in the Concord Monitor and the Union Leader were shared with Barbara Francis.

Senior Class Project: Still waiting for a copy of Aidan Westenberg’s Senior Project transcription of Elijah Lyman Harris’ 1800s Journal and his resulting “Ted Talk.” Shelly can’t locate the video but did send us some of the photos taken while Aidan was scanning the documents at the beginning of the project.

Potential Educational Research Project for students: No feedback yet as to students who might do geocaching.

Pocket Watch at Library: Donna has asked Bill Nichols to contact Mary, he might know something about it.

Action List: Ken was in town this week and started research on 322 Stark South. Was able to find deeds back to 1825 that actually includes buildings, but anything before that would be in Nashua. Donna will contact the homeowner with what we have and see if they want to do further research. No word from Bob or Lynn on the John Webber Place sign.

Research: Gail, Lee & Donna made a second visit to the Bow Heritage Commission but this time to their “work location” at the Bow Highway building. Although the materials at this location haven’t as yet been preserved, they’re stored in breathable boxes in a climate-controlled, secure facility. Some materials were viewed but additional time would be needed to go through everything. We let them know we’re looking for old photos of schools, or anything about Dunbarton in general. They’re glad to share if they find something.

Preservation Equipment: We are constantly looking for Dunbarton photos, ledgers, letters and ephemera. Digitizing items would greatly help the DHAC provide visual educational material. The type of equipment needed to do this was discussed. Donna & Gail previously visited New London History & Archives and have photos and a list of their equipment. There’s also the option of a Document Camera. Input is being collected from the NH State Library, various organizations including the NHHS, and a professional photographer. Donna then plans to purchase equipment for her own projects. After a period of use, all information gathered will be shared with the Town Clerk and the BOS, as there’s a strong need for the town to also own this type of equipment to protect its records and save space. Time horizon could be a few months.

Adjourn/Next Mtg: Ken made a motion to adjourn at 7:38, Paula seconded, unanimous. Next meeting 1/28/18, 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary