DUNBURTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
January 27, 2020, 6:00 pm Town Office

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

Members out of town/absent: Lynn Aramini, Laraine Allen, Linda Nickerson, Bill Zeller

Minutes: Paula made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/23/19 minutes, Lee seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: Reviewed latest Citizens statement; sold (2) books.

Recollections of Dunbarton Videos: More will be made this year; one is hopefully scheduled for next month. A former town resident came here with his wife and drove Lee & Donna around town describing his childhood. He lived in four houses in town, one of which contained the nursing journal of his Aunt Carrie in the wall. It’s currently being transcribed.

School History Project: A recent discovery of not-seen-before photos (some developed from old negatives) were viewed. Donna has been able to identify a few people and has made numerous connections with our aging old-timers to see if they can help. Names to contact were discussed. It’s a lengthy process as most of these elders don’t have email and many live out of the area. Help from the public or the Historical Society would be most helpful. Donna will make more connections. We all realize this is very time consuming. Hopefully we can gather some of these folks on a Friday at the Library and spread out the photos. Attempts will be made. Time is running out to identify the people in these photos.

Our Town Report in Color? It would cost $209 to print our page/photos in color. It was decided to not do so.

Black History Month/February: Time is tight, but an attempt will be made to construct a Teacher Tidbit Sheet with a map of Dunbarton’s Black Heritage Trail, or at least begin one for a future date.

DES AIR (Artist in Residence) 2020: After 20 years of handling the AIR, Kim Belanger is stepping aside. Third grade teacher Lois Wicklow will now be in charge starting this year. Donna made contact with Lois to see if the DHAC can assist. We were able to locate some aerial photographs for this year’s project through resident Don Larsen.

Walter Gould: The DHAC did a Teacher Tidbit sheet about him a while back that included the mystery about how he came to be in Dunbarton at such an early age. Donna is checking into the history of the Concord Orphanage or Coit House and it’s highly possible that’s where he came from. More research to do.

Hearse & Hearse House (former project of the DHAC): Lee went back after a recent rainstorm and although he wasn’t able to get inside the building, he wasn’t able to detect any water damage to the interior from the viewing window.

Sign for Hearse House: We need information from town reports prior to when they began printing them around 1852. Resident Jae Larsen has volunteered to read the old handwritten ledgers. It might be a lengthy process.

DHAC decals: It would be beneficial to identify the DHAC on the back of the signs we install. Paula will check into the cost of small weather-proof decals. It should be minimal.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Ken made a motion to adjourn at 6:55, Lee seconded, unanimous. Next meeting is Monday, February 24, 6 pm Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary