

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013
AT THE DUNBARTON TOWN OFFICES

PRESENT: Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Bill and Rebecca Rolke, Ted and Allison Vallieres, Fran Hill and Darlene Leone.

HISTORIC SKILLS PHOTOS: Fran Hill and Darlene Leone have graciously agreed to be the photographers for this project. First developed by Donna and Les, it will showcase townspeople today who continue the traditions of historic occupations, which were often dictated by the seasons. As an example of this today, several people in town tap maples in spring, as part of the process of making maple syrup. There are residents today who engage in such crafts as spinning and weaving, bucket making, and coopering; the last having a long history here in Dunbarton.

HISTORIC HOUSE SIGNS: As the committee anticipated, the signage project has generated questions regarding the current known information about historic homes and structures. Conflicting dates and past owners' names will need further sorting out. Donna has suggested offering, with the purchase of a sign, an 8" x 11" glossy print of a historic photograph of the home, as culled from available resources. The committee agreed this is a good idea.

NOYES COLLECTION: The numerous copies of historic documents and Nashua Registry of Deeds information, which comprise the collection, are stored in plastic tubs at the town offices. The committee checked on the contents of a couple of tubs, and determined the papers to be in more-or-less suitable condition to be examined, sorted, catalogued, and copied. The purchase of a map chest, funded by the Bud Noyes' legacy fund, is in the works. This will be used to house items from the collection. Bud's unfinished final work, about the portion of Hooksett which was formerly part of Dunbarton, will be examined for any possible future use.

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS: Ted said the DHS has been working on historic documents all winter, with pictures going into archival albums. There will be an open house at the DHS site, with both the museum and schoolhouse open, on April 20th and 21st, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The DHS has received donations from various sources for the upcoming reconstruction of the original cape, as saved from Flintlock Farm. May 4 will be the annual DHS fundraiser dinner; with roast pork on the menu.

COBBLER SHOP: The restoration of the shop, given new life by volunteer efforts, is being reviewed for an achievement award from the NH Preservation Alliance. Much more about this will be discussed at the April DHAC meeting.

WHERE SETTLERS' FEET HAVE TROD: Town Administrator Line Comeau had requested five copies of Bud's book, to be given to Armenian diplomats, who were to attend town meeting, in March. On behalf of the DHAC, Rebecca approved the request.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 22, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Rolke, Chair and Secretary