

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013  
AT THE DUNBARTON TOWN OFFICES

PRESENT: Lynn Aramini, Les Hammond, Donna Dunn, Tiffany Dodd, Ted and Allison Vallieres, Bill and Rebecca Rolke

NOYES COLLECTION: Ongoing environmental issues with the collection have held up progress with its disposition. In order to proceed, this issue must be mitigated beyond its current state. Rebecca will ask Linda Landry, Town Clerk, who is in charge of the collection, if the DHAC may remove the papers to an outside source, to try to deal with the problem. Calls will be made to printing houses, copy businesses, and document conservation and document restoration businesses, to hopefully gain further insights and possible solutions. Of the places Rebecca checked with recently, only one, in Manchester, seemed like a possibility. They use pallets and fans to deodorize papers. Other concerns include how to maintain pagination once the materials leave the town offices, and Ted asked if the deodorization process would be guaranteed.

HISTORICAL HOUSE SIGNS: A suggestion was made to include information about the signs in the upcoming 2013 town report. Questions about conflicting research regarding construction dates and ownership of houses were discussed and agreed upon: *Where Settlers' Feet Have Trod*, by Bud Noyes, former Town Historian, being the latest research, will be our official stance. Dick Baines is the sign maker. The size of the signs is 9 1/4" high; length is determined by the amount of information to be displayed. The average price is \$95.00, with a check payable to the sign maker. Stainless steel screws with cap covers, and spacers if needed, will be included. Discussion ensued about possibly producing a brochure promoting the signs; however, there are only one-hundred-plus homes which are eligible for a sign..

GIFT OF A CLOCK: Tiffany spoke about a tall case floor clock, made circa 1812 by Col. Timothy Chandler, a prominent Concord, N.H. clockmaker. Previously owned by Ethel Cilley Stone (1884-1981), a Dunbarton-born schoolteacher, the clock had been given by Ms. Stone to Graham T. Rowley (1932-2012), a minister at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, in Goffstown. Mr. Rowley moved to Maryland, where the clock was well maintained over the years by master clockmaker Leland Smith. After Mr. Rowley's passing, his children donated the clock to the town of Dunbarton, with the understanding it will remain in the possession of the town. There was discussion of a possible formal dedication of the clock, which is on display at the Dunbarton Public Library. (Information from the email announcement of the gift, by Tiffany Dodd).

CONVERSATIONS: Allison talked about a quilt being planned for the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2015. Twelve-inch squares, depicting buildings in town, will comprise the body of the piece, which will be around one hundred eight inches by ninety inches. Les said he has a picture of a fire tower, which used to be on Mills Hill. There were once other fire towers around town, such as at Page's Corner and near the Burnham School. More discussion ensued regarding the whereabouts of David Tenney's journal. A plea for the return of said journal will appear in the town report.

CORRECTION: The Dunbarton Gardern Club planted 85,000 daffodils in town, not 5,000 as reported in October's minutes. Apologies to DGC members.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 16, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Dunbarton Town Offices (Date changed due to Christmas).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rolke, Chair and Secretary