

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

October 26, 2015, 6:30 Meeting - Town Offices

Members Present: Laraine Allen, Donna Dunn, Gail Martel, Leo Martel, Bill Zeller

Members out of town/absent: Lynn Aramini, Tiffany Dodd, Les Hammond, Ken Swayze, Alison & Ted Vallieres

Minutes: There was no meeting in September. Gail made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8-24-15 meeting; Laraine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DHAC Funds: Both Citizens Bank Statements dated 9/30/15 were reviewed; no changes.

DES K-6 Local History Curriculum Updates:

October: Re: 50-Year old DES time capsule - Heidi Virta's 5th Grade Class is interested, pending parental approval and arrangements for an after-school dig in front of the town office/former school 11/3-5 (exact day dependent on schedules and weather). 25' setback Cemetery setback on one side and roads paved on two sides since 1965 leave very little lawn area to search. (Donna will contact Cemetery Trustee Annette Kuhn to invite her and also ask if the land in front of the school is except from the setback for any reason.) Will expand search to south side of school if necessary. Will try to obtain third metal detector, and put together a flyer for students to bring home to parents with advance instructions (wear clothes that can get dirty, gloves if you have them, etc.) The DHAC will supply some gloves and other needed items.

In line with this, Bill Zeller is experimenting with "rust removal using electromagnetic fields" and demonstrated a device made by Bill Bohle. It works! Thank you "Bill Zella the Science Fella!" (Donna had searched in another area at the request of the Town Administrator and found some interesting metal objects; it's hoped the students will find more.)

October: As a follow up to Fire Prevention Month, an idea was floated regarding the students and vintage Fire Department "news articles" in potential collaboration with the Art Teacher. It might be possible to complete this idea in time for the Fire Department's Open House on November 15. Gail volunteered to help; Donna will contact the Art Teacher to see if the idea is viable.

November: Native American Heritage Month – Dunbarton still has Native American Indians living here and perhaps one might be willing to be interviewed by a student. Gail will make some inquires.

December: Historical Gingerbread houses – In 2014, we contributed \$30 for supplies after the fact. Lee made a motion this year that we purchase a (more adequate) \$50 Grocery Store Gift Certificate in advance. Laraine seconded; motion passed unanimously. Bill will discuss with the 3rd grade teacher(s) and let us know which store(s) would be convenient.

Historical House Signs:

Need to follow-up on properties still without signs. A list will be compiled to discuss at next month's meeting.

There are some residents who are trying to date their barns. The DHS, who began an Old Barn Inventory in 2006 was previously contacted but didn't have info on the barn in question. A different barn owner is now trying to date his barn and mentioned having a 'professional' look at it but was afraid of the cost of an 'appraisal.' Further discussion is needed.

Some houses *not* in Bud's book might be getting close to 100 years of age; examples on Mansion and Montalona were discussed.

Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, Laraine seconded.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 23, 6:30, Town Offices

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair