

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

November 23, 2015, 6:30 Meeting – Town Offices

Members Present: Tiffany Dodd, Donna Dunn, Gail & Leo Martel

(Members Absent/Out of Town: Laraine Allen, Lynne Aramini, Les Hammond, Ken Swayze, Alison/Ted Vallieres, Bill Zeller)

Guests: Linda Landry, Town Clerk

DHAC Funds: The Town Office did not provide bank statements for review this month.

November 12: Gail & Donna met with the DES Secretary (a former student at the old DES), a group of students and a few parents to try and find the DES time capsule buried on the lawn in front of the old school/current town offices. Resident Pat Whittier brought a third metal detector and the kids had a great time trying the equipment and digging. Cemetery Trustee Annette Kuhn was present, but the dig didn't infringe on cemetery land after all. The capsule wasn't located but several metal artifacts and glass were found (some glass had been through a fire and melted). The children would like to come back in spring and dig again.

December: Bill checked with the 3rd Grade Teachers and was informed a gift certificate to Michaels would be best as relates to supplies for the Historic Gingerbread houses. The Town Treasurer has issued a \$50 check from our General Funds. It was noted that Educators receive a 15% discount at Michaels, so our \$50 donation increases in value.

Art Project follow up: The Art Teacher only has (2) 45 minute time slots per week. Thought Fire Department History was a great idea but can't fit it in. This could be a project for homeschoolers or summer school students, as well as regular DES students. Scrapbook & archival sleeves should be purchased in preparation. Gail made a motion to budget \$50; seconded by Tiffany. A follow up to this discussion included the high number of home schooled students in Dunbarton. Names and addresses are confidential within each SAU; perhaps we could establish communication pipelines.

Education Material: How do we make town history *easily* available "at will" for children and historic home owners year round? The internet has general information, but no Dunbarton specifics. The DHAC utilizes the town's collection of ephemera, news clippings, tidbits, photos, and more. Is there a way to safely make some of it more accessible? Another example is Bud Noyes 'Reference Library.' Although it needs organization, maybe it should be available 'as is' for now? There are no 'originals' but mostly copies of deeds and other legal documents that are public record and available at the Registry, but Bud has done the leg work and it could save interested people time and expense. Andrea said there might be room at the Library for a metal cabinet to house materials. Linda currently has a "Bud" cabinet at the Town Office; a second would be needed and the Committee approved researching the cost as part of a long-term plan. General discussion ensued about what materials could be made available, and how they might be highlighted and showcased for attraction and interest. Much follow up is needed.

Historical House Signs:

For homes with no signs, we need a copy of Rebecca's first letter in order to draft a follow-up letter. She hasn't been able to locate a hard copy and is searching her home computer for a digital. In the meantime, Gail & Donna will do a "drive through town" to be sure all new signs are actually installed. If not, perhaps we need to offer the homeowner assistance.

Miscellaneous/Old Business:

The \$20 Wal Mart/Sam's Club Gift Certificate found in DHAC paperwork was used at Walmart to purchase printer ink.

Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20; Tiffany seconded.

The December meeting will be Monday 12/14, 6:30, Town Offices (it was previously scheduled for 12/21)

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary