

**DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE**

August 24, 2015, 6:30 Meeting – Town Offices

Members Present: Lynn Aramini, Tiffany Dodd, Donna Dunn, Alison Vallieres

(Members Out of Town/absent: Laraine Allen, Les Hammond, Gail & Leo Martel, Ken Swayze, Ted Vallieres, Bill Zeller)

**Minutes:** Lynn made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Tiffany seconded.

**DES K-6 Local History Curriculum:**

**1) The DES Artist in Residence Program:** Kim Belanger provided a digital copy of the DHAC collaborative 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary play “*Way Back When*” which was circulated among members; a hard copy was printed for our archives.

**2) Potential Collaborative Project - Elementary School Time Capsule:** Town Administrator, Line Comeau, kindly contacted the DHAC and advised that former DES students (Jeff Crosby, Shelly Westenberg) remember burying a time capsule on the lawn of the old school 50 years ago (in the first grade)? Location was vague. A gentle, preliminary search in front of the (now) town offices with Donna’s metal detector yielded two vintage pairs of skates and various metal items. Inquiries made to a different student (Tammy Riley) point to another potential location. If the capsule can be located there are multiple applications for history curriculum with DES students. The DHAC will speak to the Selectmen/Cemetery Trustees (25’ set back from Cemetery?) about a further search before contacting DES teachers.

*Note: DHAC Member Bill Zeller, former DES Principal, texted his approval of a collaborative project and suggested the sixth grade as a potential age level for interest.*

**Related History:**

**DHS Update from Alison:**

**Jameson Cape:** Proceeding with volunteer assistance.

**250<sup>th</sup> Committee Update from Alison:**

An ad-hoc committee has ‘somewhat spontaneously’ formed: School Reunion Committee. (Alison Vallieres, Bill Nichols, Les Hammond and others.) They are welcoming past students of all Dunbarton schools to meet on Sunday, September 13 at the Community Center to discuss former school days. Hopefully, some of their remembrances will either be recorded or written down for posterity. The DHAC provided Bill & Les copies of photos of the old schools, student photos, and more to help foster conversation and jog memories.

An old photo of the Dunbarton Center School was located in the Hadley-Tucker Collection and provided to Alison. She made a copy for the ad-hoc committee who may make ‘photo buttons’ for attendees.

Alison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15: Lynn seconded.

Next Meeting Monday, September 28, 6:30, Town Offices

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Dunn, Chair