

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013  
AT THE DUNBARTON TOWN OFFICES

PRESENT: Ted and Allison Vallieres, Donna Dunn, Laraine Allen, Lynn Aramini, Bill and Rebecca Rolke.

ORGANIC CHICKEN FARM: Colorful conversation ensued regarding the venture now being proposed in Dunbarton. The air was filled with anecdotes of recent and childhood memories of chicken farming.

NOYES COLLECTION: The copies of historic copies of documents, as assembled by Bud Noyes, have been the subject of ongoing discussions. While the items, in plastic storage bins, have been deodorized as much as possible, they remain unfit for DHAC members to effectively work on them. Previously, the DHAC decided the papers need to be aired out, and that we may need outside help to accomplish this goal. It was decided that a portion of the funds donated by Bud for the purpose of maintaining his collection would be appropriately used toward this end. Another agreed-upon suggestion was to explore whether a climate-controlled room could be rented for the purpose of examining the collection.

Rebecca reported having called several storage and document-oriented businesses, which yielded limited results. Apparently, the industry standard for climate control varies widely regarding temperature, and many places do not have storage spaces which have lighting. One place did emerge as a possible solution for our needs. They are equipped to air out the documents using fans, and they have an office space we could use to work on the documents. It was suggested that we arrange for one bin's contents to be aired out, and if that is successful, possibly we would be able to work at the town offices rather than off-site. Ted posed the question of whether this company's work is guaranteed, and that will remain to be asked if we decide to pursue this avenue. Dunbarton Town Clerk Linda Landry is in charge of the Noyes Collection, and she will be contacted for permission for a bin to leave the town offices, to begin the airing-out process.

DUNBARTON'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2015: A committee is being formed to explore possible ideas for the celebration. The newspaper USA TODAY hosts a "Make a Difference Day", with a ten thousand dollar prize, which is given to a worthy non-profit organization. It has been suggested that the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee would be a great recipient of this prize. Interest in the celebration is building- although Dunbarton is but one town of several which will also observe their 250<sup>th</sup>s in 2015. There will be competition for media coverage, and Laraine is in conversation with blogger and magazine owner Matthew Mead to photograph our events. The Dunbarton Garden Club's program for beautifying our roadways in preparation for the 250<sup>th</sup> has resulted in over eighty five thousand bulbs now in the ground. Donna and Laraine reported that this concludes this multi-year planting effort. Also, discussion ensued regarding the time-consuming, detail-oriented process to interest owners of historic homes in obtaining a new sign for their home. This subject will be discussed at the next meeting.

LOST SKILLS OF YESTERDAY: Donna talked about documenting those residents who continue utilizing traditional skills. A list of these folks is in the making.

DAVID TENNEY NOTEBOOK: This local treasure has apparently been misplaced. It was possibly in Alice Hadley's possession at one time, then in the town vault. Current whereabouts are unknown.

NEXT MEETING: Due to Thanksgiving, the upcoming meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rolke, Chair and Secretary