

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013
AT THE DUNBARTON TOWN OFFICES

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

NEW TOWN COLLECTION: The Mittie Grace Webster Collection is in the process of review. Last month, members of the DHAC viewed the collection, which contains some items from the Burnham farm, at Donna's home. More to follow on this topic.

SPEECH AT THE LIBRARY: Professor Beth Salerno, author and assistant professor at Saint Anselms College, met with interested lecture-goers at the Dunbarton Library on an August Thursday. Her topic concerned the Sister Societies in New Hampshire before the Civil War. Dunbarton women adopted the Charter of Concord, which was written by a group of anti-slavers. The Dunbarton female abolitionists were honored in recent years by the Dunbarton Garden Club with the "Sister Society" bulb. In preparation for the 250th anniversary of Dunbarton, in 2015, Garden Club members, as well as townspeople have already planted thousands of daffodils.

OLD HOME DAY: This year's festivities will be held on Saturday, September 14, and will include a parade with floats, tables of goodies for sale, antique cars, and plenty of fun things to do for the kids. The Dunbarton Historical Society will host their annual ham and bean supper, ahead of fireworks later in the evening. The DHAC will host a table at the library, with displays of local history, as well as information for homeowners who wish to learn about the new composite-material historic house signs currently being offered for sale.

POSSIBLE DOCUMENT AMNESTY: There was a discussion about "missing" notebooks, diaries and journals pertinent to Dunbarton, and how they might be retrieved. Numerous known items have been temporarily lost, and the DHAC will continue to explore the most effective method to have these historic objects either returned to the town, or have them scanned, if privately owned.

QUESTIONS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL: There is a resident from another town who has been inquiring about the Noyes Collection, as well as other historic town items, which possibly contain information relative to their research into family genealogy. Several Dunbarton residents have already helped in this effort. Volunteers for the Noyes Collection, comprised of people selected by Bud Noyes during his lifetime, have not yet sorted through the large collection of copies of historic papers. The DHAC will contact this person once the collection has been sorted, catalogued and scanned. When completed, it will be ready to be viewed by the public.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 23, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rolke,

Chair and Secretary