

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012  
AT THE DUNBARTON TOWN OFFICES

PRESENT: Donna Dunn, Laraine Allen, Les Hammond, Ken Swayze, Bill and Rebecca Rolke. Also present were Dunbarton residents Ted and Allison Vallieres, and Dan Van Kalken.

COBBLER SHOP: Donations continue to be accepted for the restoration and relocation of the Sylvester Wilson Cobbler Shop. Donna stated if funds are contributed in excess of that which would be needed to complete the project, they will be utilized for future maintenance issues. As an example of the reality of on-going repairs that can be needed, water damage to the town bandstand on the common in Dunbarton center has necessitated replacement of some of its posts.

HISTORIC HOUSE SIGNS: There was much discussion regarding the upcoming project for historic homes and structures signs, in anticipation of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town, in 2015. The bandstand sign, which Donna commissioned, cost \$170.00 to create, and is being considered as an example of styling, materials, and price. Topics discussed for sign eligibility were the age of the home, its presence in one of the books written about Dunbarton, and whether or not certain homes qualify for a sign for reasons other than age.

DUNBARTON TOWN HALL AND THEATRE RESTORATION PROJECT: Ted, who serves on the Restoration Committee chaired by DHAC member Tiffany Dodd, spoke about the upcoming fundraising events, which will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012. Tickets have been printed, and there will be an auction preview, live and silent auctions, a dinner, and a concert, featuring Dan Van Kalken. A "year in review" in photographs will be projected inside the Congregational Church. The target sum to be raised from the entire day's activities is ten thousand dollars.

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS: Ted talked about the project to build a carriage shed, which has been a longtime dream of the society. When complete, the shed will be used to house historic items in the collection of the DHS.

DUNBARTON GARDEN CLUB: Donna Dunn, who also serves on the Garden Club, proposed to the DHAC to advertise *Where Settlers' Feet Have Trod*, by Bud Noyes, for the reduced price of \$10.00, in the "Daffodils for Dunbarton" ordering flyer. Donna's inspirational idea was accepted, and will hopefully motivate buyers of bulbs to also purchase a book. Being offered this year is the "Sister Society" bulb, honoring the forty Dunbarton women who formed the Dunbarton Anti-Slaver Society, in 1837. Also, "Mills Mission" is the daffodil named for Dunbarton's own Professor Caleb Mills, a leading educator in Indiana in the 1830s.

TOWN OF DUNBARTON REPORT ON THE YEAR 2011: Rebecca had written a report describing activities of the DHAC, for inclusion in the town report. She asked the committee to clarify certain information, and later made some changes to the text, before submission.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rolke, Chair and Secretary