

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; January 11, 2022,
1111 Somerset Avenue/Hybrid Meeting

- Called to order: 7:00 PM. Meeting is being recorded and will be available on Zoom.
- **Present:** Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gales, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt
Zoom: Jonathan Lawrence, Liaison/Selectman Kenneth Pacheco
Zoom Audience: Jeff Carvalho, Dighton Trails Committee
- Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading of minutes December 14, 2021 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes of December 14, 2021 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor

4. Dighton Trails Committee

- Department of Conservation and Recreation plans a 2-mile trail on the east-side. There may be options to connect to Taunton and Somerset.
- SERPED will fund feasibility study (\$40,000) ☺
- One year for feasibility study, then design. Engineering candidates inspected area.
- DHC should provide DCR with information for educational boards and panels.
- Pruitt asks if town requires a right of way from TMLP. Pruitt has a PDF, published by a college group, that he will share. This information was used earlier to ID sites.
- Board of Selectmen will vote January 12, 2022 to use \$40,000 SERPED grant and return money, secured at Special Town Meeting, to free cash.

5. Budget

Balance: **\$725.50** (\$300 committed to overlay map)

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- Briggs Plaque estimate = \$49.00.

FY23- DHC – January 31, 2022 is deadline to submit level-funded budget.

Gailes balances line items as follows:

- Equipment \$50
- Professional and Technical \$250
- Communications \$50
- Other Supplies \$600
- Travel \$50

*Can go to negative on line items as long as don't overspend \$1,000.

Motion to accept \$1,000 budget, with line-item changes, so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor. Members who are present sign budget.

* Fiscal year = July 1- June 30

6. Unfinished Business

- Nickerson will call Awards Plus.
- Gailes and Pacheco attended “move” of Bowen and Briggs items December 17, 2021.
- Motion to accept and store in school house, the large metal key, used to turn original Berkley/Dighton Bridge, so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Delfin, Gailes and Nickerson will inventory items in school house.

Ornaments were sold by Christmas Committee, now Lighting Committee, chaired by Susan Medeiros; ornaments belong to them.

* Board of Selectmen approved Facebook page request at December 29, 2021th meeting.

*Delfin is administrator; Social media policy outline is distributed. No personal stuff.

(By-laws, historical marker program, agendas, minutes, historic facts of Dighton, DHC accomplishments, upcoming events)

7. Preservation Planning

- Gailes met with CPC to explain letter of eligibility for funding. Under advisement; CPC will meet December 16, 2021. Phase 1 Invoice submitted to CPC.

*Phase 2 invoice from Stacy Spies = \$4,375.00, motion to send invoice to CPC so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor. Pruitt receive Phase 2 invoice.

- MHC will have Phase 2 review with Spies and Gailes. Phase 3 ends May 6, 2022. Includes home drafts and resources for National Register nomination; 94 properties.
- Olsen wants instruction so DHC is able to do Form B, research and nominations.

Historical House Marker Program

*Delfin talked with Karen Gannon and will set up ceremony!

*Olsen will have a spring reception at the farm – 1136 Main Street.

- Grant Applications
 - FY23 – December 8, 2021: MHC recognizes DHC high priority, unable to extend a full application. High level of need, not possible to fund back-to-back projects.
 - DHC will try next year for MHC awards.

CPC application is under advisement. Pruitt feels DHC should ask for full \$25,000.

8. New Business

- DHC needs a goal for school, a function. Delfin will create a poll to incorporate ideas.

Capital Outlay Meeting: February 1, 2022, 5:45PM, at Prime Time, to review three-year-plan for DHC rational for preservation of Segreganset School. Gailes & Delfin will attend.

*Request for \$25,000 for preservation and \$45,000 for Schoolhouse plans.

Pacheco is BOS liaison for Capital Outlay; department heads are invited to discuss five-year plan for future expenses.

- As of January 5, 2022 – Gayle Salve resigned; BOS will accept resignation. Thank you Gayle Salve for your contribution.

Attendance at Planning Board Meeting

DHC will attend January 19, 2022 Planning Board Meeting to share progress on survey update.

8. No Correspondence

9. No public input

10. Other

- Next meetings: February 8; March 8; April 12; May 10; June 14; July 12; August 9, 2022
- Nickerson will send Thank you notes to those involved: BPC plaque easel and cabinet.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
- Adjourned: 7:59PM

Respectfully submitted: Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk

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