

Patricia Gales
May, 10, 2022
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Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; April 12, 2022
1111 Somerset Avenue/Hybrid

- Called to order: 7:03 PM. Recorded and will be available on Zoom.
- **Present:** Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gales, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt;
- **Zoom:** Liaison/Selectman: Kenneth Pacheco **Absent:** Jonathon Lawrence
- o Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading minutes March 8, 2022 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes March 8, 2022 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Motion to waive reading minutes March 31, 2022 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes March 31, 2022 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

4. Budget

Balance: **\$725.50** (\$300 committed to overlay map) Expendable: **\$425.50**

- o Town of Dighton executed contract with CAI Technologies; invoice will be submitted.
- o Motion to approve \$32.00 invoice: Awards Plus. Briggs plaque, pending approval of wording, so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

*Gales met with Board of Selectmen, March 16, 2022 regarding amended budget FY23.

*Overlay map expense \$600 was added; Selectmen approved!

*Gales asks DHC to attend Finance Committee on May 3rd at 7:45 to defend DHC budget.

5. Unfinished Business

Wording for Briggs house plaque for Town Hall

- Gales, Nickerson and Olsen will decide wording, including photo courtesy.
- Briggs Garden Sign will be a collaboration; plans for site dedication ongoing.
- Delfin will contact Peach Signs to "match" historic home markers.

Segreganset Schoolhouse inventory and storage

*Process for inventory and storage is ongoing; inventory list added to.

- o Statement of Purpose (goal for usage) submitted by Delfin and Lawrence; Pacheco suggests adding historical and living museum.
- o Gales researched Hornbine, owned by Rehoboth; operated by Hornbine Association since 1968: donations, gifts, grants, volunteers.
- o Rehoboth Historical Commission and Hornbine Association establish, promote, encourage and preserve history. If defunct: Hornbine returns to town management.

A committee will outline needs, uses and funding requests for Segreganset School, in consultation with Michael Mullen. DHC will revisit committee formation July, 2022.

CPC money will be sought FY 2025 for Segreganset; town owns school & property.

Rail Trail/Sweets Knoll Information

- Gales attended March 29th DCR Listening Session; Pruitt questions: bridge & depot identification.
- Motion to submit list of markers to Jeffrey Carvalho, Dighton Trails & DCR so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

Report on Nat Crane display at Bristol Aggie

Gales, Delfin, Pacheco, Pruitt met with Bristol County Agricultural High School Director, Adele Sands. Mural, photos, artifacts, biography in commons/ lunch room.

*Olsen suggests bridge key be incorporated.

6. Preservation Planning

FY21 Survey and Planning Grant Status

- Survey and Planning Grant will be completed May 6, 2022; on schedule.

Historical House Marker Program

- o Dan Higgins & Vicki Piazza researched ^{221 pg} 49 Summer Street; under ownership of mill through 1948; street number. Piazza owns ^{221 pg} 47 Summer Street.
- o Constructed: 1910-1920; 1912 report shows installation of water pipes.

*Pruitt recommends "A Fierce Personal Pride." Author, Burke Davis details Milliken & Knowles & Mount Hope Finishing Company.

Deed determines name on plaque.

Olsen met a woman, at DHS, researching Great-Grandfather, ^{A vat of boiling liquid} who boiled to death at ^{spilled on the man's leg at; he died 10 days later. pg} Mount Hope Finishing in December, 1911; two months after his immigrating from England. Other Great-Grandfather was also a mill casualty.

- Vicki Piazza will submit ^{221 pg} 49 Summer for Historical Home Marker!
- Grant applications

Gales met with CPC, March 17; CPC finalized vote of support for Community-wide Historic Survey update. Article for warrant is written.

7. New Business

- o Firecracker Festival: July 9, 2022
Motion to submit intake form to Park & Recreation so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
 - Nickerson suggests an old desk, slate drawing, coloring book by Myrna Santos with logo crayons. Gales will contact Santos; Nickerson will price crayons.

8. Correspondence

- o Website provider is changing according to Lianne Kerwin; Delfin will review any necessary website changes.

9. No public input

10. Other

Open Commission position = 1

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022 Time Change = **6PM**

11. Adjournment

So moved by Delfin; seconded by Nickerson. All in favor. Adjourned **8:16PM**

Next Meetings: May 10; **6PM**; June 14; July 12; August 9; September 13, October 11, 2022.

Respectfully,

Pamela J. Nickerson

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