

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes of August 10, 2021

Old Town Hall, 779 Somerset Avenue

- Meeting available on Zoom. Called to order: 6:59PM

Rafael Delfin (absent), Patricia Gailes (present), Pamela Nickerson (present),

Patricia Olsen (present), William Pruitt (absent), Gayle Salve (present)

Selectman/Liaison Kenneth Pacheco (present/Zoom)

Meeting Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading minutes July 13, 2021 made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to accept amended minutes July 13, 2021 made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen. All in Favor.

Budget

- Boston Post Cane cabinet repairs by James Aguiar = \$24.79.

Balance = \$975.21

*Gailes will obtain copy of line item budget from Accountant Janelle Vining.

*DHC may seek additional money from special town meeting.

*Warrant for special town meeting opens August 12; closes September 9, 2021.

Past Spending

- FY 2020 Budget = \$1,500; Spent = \$992.17; Left = \$507.83
- FY 2021 Budget = \$1,500. Spent = \$925.78; Left = \$574.22

* FY 2022 DHC requested \$2,000; Finance Commission approved \$1,000.

Possible Expenses for FY 2022

*Tablecloth; notebooks for survey; miscellaneous office supplies; conferences

Encumbered monies FY 2021

*Invoice submitted to Mallard Printing July 27, 2021 for \$716.90.

*Pacheco suggests Town Administrator Michael Mullen be notified of "place holder" for warrant article for special town meeting.

Community Preservation Committee Appointment

Pruitt is CPC liaison; Pacheco suggests a motion to appoint Pruitt. Motion to appoint Pruitt as CPC representative made by Olsen; so moved by Salve. All in favor.

Unfinished Business

1. Nickerson will continue to research display holder for Post Cane.
2. James Briggs photo dates to 1912 (poor quality) and is available at DHS. Olsen questions location of original and if photo appeared in *Early American*.

Preservation Planning

- 1 FY21 Survey and Planning Grant Status
Proposal Response deadline: August 11, 2021.
- Selectmen will receive and sign the contract between Massachusetts Historical Commission and town of Dighton: August 11, 2021.
- Selection process will include DHC, Mullen and town historian.

1. *Historical House Marker Program*
 - Motion to send Delfin's letter to homeowners in historic district, on current letterhead, made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen. All in favor.
 - Robert Woods may apply. Per deed: Dighton Factories is original owner. Olsen says being a "mill house" owner is something to be proud of.
 - DHC handed out approximately 6 applications. Homeowners have preconceived misconceptions regarding restrictions.
 - MHC has a handbook on establishing a local historic district. Inventory forms must be updated, says Jennifer Doherty of MHC. DHC will refer to the Local Historic District handbook.
 - Preservation Massachusetts website has a video.
<https://www.preservationmass.org/understandinglocalhistoricdistricts>
 - MACRIS website has an incomplete Mount Hope Area Inventory Form on file.

New Business

1. Board and Committee Handbook.
 - Approved minutes, agendas must be uploaded to town website; One-hour workshop will be offered to explain record keeping.
2. Preservation Massachusetts Conference
 - Virtual; September 23 & 24, 2021; 9AM-Noon; \$25 each
 - Motion to reimburse DHC members who attend made by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
3. Delfin, Nickerson and Olsen will tour Bristol County Agricultural High School to discuss Nat Cane display.

Other

- ❖ Pruitt's "Briggs family tree" dates to 1675 and is detailed and helpful.
- ❖ ONE VACANCY on DHC; Olsen wants a cake for decade of service. ☺
- ❖ September 15, 2021 is DHC 5-minute presentation to Selectmen. Successes and mission statement will be explained, including preservation of records currently in town hall vault.
- ❖ Public meeting to explain warrant request may be held before town meeting.
- ❖ September 9, 2021, 5:45PM: "Gravestone Girls" at Unitarian Church, sponsored by DHS, free!
- ❖ September 19, 2021, Belva Ann Lockwood Presentation, Friendship Hall, sponsored by DHS, \$10!

No public input

Next Meetings:

- August 31, 2021 (Budget Update)
- September 14, 2021
- October 12, 2021
- November 9, 2021
- December 14, 2021

Motion to adjourn made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen. All in favor.

Adjourned: 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk

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