

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; December 14, 2021, 1111 Somerset Avenue/Hybrid Meeting

- Meeting called to order: 7:01 PM. Meeting is available on Zoom

Present: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gales, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt;
Liaison/Selectman Kenneth Pacheco **Absent:** Jonathan Lawrence, Gayle Salve

- Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading of minutes November 9, 2021 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes of November 9, 2021 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor
- Motion to waive reading of minutes of November 29, 2021 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes of November 29, 2021 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

4. Preservation Planning

- FY 21 Survey and Planning Grant Status
Stacy Spies joins through Zoom to discuss Proposed Survey List
 - Spies describes the preliminary survey list as thorough. Obvious ones removed based on alterations or demolitions
 - Spies is mapping "Lower Four Corners." Neighborhood could be eligible for National Register or preferably preserved. Information from one home feeds off another.
 - Reed-Darling House: 2219 Pleasant Street is significantly altered.
 - 1860 Milk Street, built 1775, falls into Pine & Brook Streets map. Pacheco is owner. Olsen considers 1860 Milk Street a building of importance to the history of the people of Dighton, as well as the importance of our country. 1860 Milk was once a 200-acre farm! Added to the final Survey list.
 - Three Craftsman bungalows are on Center Street have high integrity with wood shingles, original windows. Spies recommended inclusion Nickerson does not want the Craftsman bungalows included as they are under 100-years-old.
 - Standish Houses are owned by Bristol County Agricultural High School and under consideration for National Register. Forms are incomplete. Homes date: 1845 and 1790. Federal review of Standish homes was due to bridge replacement. Solid description will be helpful. They should be included on list according to Pacheco and Pruitt.
 - 2386 Pleasant Street, Anderson House, has been altered beyond recognition and should be removed.

Being looked at now:

*Lower Four Corners *Pleasant and Main Intersection

- Graveyards/ Cemeteries require little research or additional descriptions.
- After these alterations, there are 94 properties on the list.

*Motion to accept amended survey list from Stacy Spies so moved by Olsen; seconded by Nickerson. All in favor.

Phase 1 meeting with MHC summary email was sent by Gailles to DHC.
Survey manual and technical list was also shared.

Phase 2 deadline is December 17, 2021.

Rufus Whitmarsh House, on Elm Street is under review; Spies will photograph; Dighton Police will be notified of field work.

Phase 3 ends May 6 2022.

Historical House Marker Program

- Letters sent to residents of Wharf/Coram Shipyard area; no response.
- Two homeowners have inquired; Gailles encouraged them to get applications in!

Grant Applications

- Gailles met with CPC to explain letter of eligibility for funding. Vote was taken under advisement; CPC will meet December 16, 2021.
- Phase 1 Invoice was submitted to CPC.
- Pruitt, CPC Liaison, says CPC voted YES to fund restoration of vital statistics books; playground equipment is estimated at \$250,000 at Lopes; project is under advisement.
- MHC met December 8, 2021 to review letters of eligibility for FY22 Survey and Planning Grant: no word yet.

5. Budget

Balance: **\$735.02** (with \$300 committed to overlay map) Expendable balance: \$435.02

- Thursday, December 16, 2021 is Capital Outlay Committee Meeting for budgets.
- January 2022 starts Dighton Town Budget Meetings.

Motion to reimburse Gailles \$9.52 (7 mailings) made by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor with Gailles abstaining.

6. Unfinished Business

- Salve is absent – no information on James Briggs Community Garden Plaque.

7. New Business

Segreganset School inventory and storage

- Inventory of Crane home artifacts includes: windows, doors, door hooks, bricks.
- A door with picture display will be eye-catching for students in relation to Crane house.
- Delfin will remain in contact with Robin VanRotz.

Bowen House

- Cabinet can be useful at Old Town Hall. James Aguiar will replicate missing drawer.
- Van Gyzn Hall leaked; transfer station will be torn down. Aguiar wants items moved to Segreganset School. DHC has no interest in moldy items. Pacheco suggests vote to move Bowen items to school, take inventory and keep items; otherwise items will be thrown in dump.

- CPC Grant for Segreganset School House might be 2+ years out.
- *General discussion among DHC regarding: poor planning for artifacts, lack of space, cost for storage units, troubling to toss historic items in the dump, Historian Myrna Santos, and others, negotiated to have items set aside.
- *Crane home items need a permanent place as well.
- *The former police station might be useful.
- *Nickerson wonders if materials can be repurposed; Delfin would like an auction.

Motion to move Bowen drawers to Old Town Hall so moved Delfin; Nickerson seconded. All in favor.

Motion to move wood and other items from transfer station to school for storage, with a review in one year; so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin.

Aye: Delfin, Gales, Nickerson, Pruitt. Nay: Olsen

Motion to form committee to explore repurposing artifacts and finding permanent storage; so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

Delfin, Gales and Nickerson comprise committee; Gales will notify Aguiar.

Ornaments are at Segreganset school. Segreganset School gift account = \$5,683.34.

Ornaments might be sold for December 2022 and at Fire Cracker Festival 2022. Gales will research original purpose of ornament sales.

Request for permission for DHC FaceBook page to send to Selectmen so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor. Selectmen will vote on December 29, 2021. Delfin volunteers to be administrator.

Dighton Trails Committee

Dighton Trails Committee will attend DHC January 11, 2022 meeting for joint planning on educational and historical inclusivity for walking path.

Attendance at Planning Board Meeting

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

8. Correspondence

Email from Lawyer representing homeowner of 461-1 Brook Street requesting information on restrictions to build.

9. No public input

10. Other

- Next meetings: January 11; February 8; March 8; April 12; May 10; June 14, 2022
- Attendance at meetings is 60%, in one year, to remain on board/ commission.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
Respectfully submitted: Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk
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