

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; February 9, 2021

- Zoom: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gales, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt; Liason/Selectman Kenneth Pacheco: non-voting
- Recorded; will be available Channel 9 & YouTube. Called to order: **7:01PM**

Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve minutes of January 12, 2021 made by Ms. Nickerson; seconded by Mr. Delfin. All in favor.

Budget Report

1. Boston Post Cane plaque completed by: Mr. Paul Simister, JC Company. Ms. Nickerson: motion to approve/sign purchase order \$160.00 to JC Company; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
2. FY22 budget level funded for Historical Commission. Budget request meeting was cancelled.

Unfinished Business

1. *Boston Post Cane*
 - Mrs. Maria Barboza passed away January 17, 2021 at age 101. Ms. Gales calls a moment of silence. Mrs. Barboza's family will be honored to have her recognized, posthumously. Taunton Daily Gazette Reporter, Michael DeCicco, phoned Ms. Nickerson and asked to be in attendance.
 - Ms. Nickerson picked up the plaque and emailed photos to the Commission.
 - Ms. Gales will ask the town clerk for the VRIS listing to determine next honoree.
2. *Walking Tour of National Register Districts – Planning*
 - Districts/ Homes including: Spooner, Eddy, Hathaway, Andrews are being researched; planning is coming along.
3. *Community Garden naming and plaque*
 - Jenna Monteiro is point-person, also Ken Araujo, Chairman of the Agricultural Commission.
 - Ms. Nickerson & Ms. Olsen will speak with JC Company regarding plaque.
 - The back porch stone work from Briggs house remains and may be incorporated into design.

Preservation Planning

1. *Survey and Planning Grant FY21 Application*
 - Grant Awards will be announced March, 2021.
 - Ms Gales will edit details for the Community Preservation Committee letter and discuss with CPC.
 - The hope is CPC will award \$25,000 and MHC will reimburse \$12,500.
2. *House Marker Program*

- Historical Society has not yet confirmed the arrival of their second plaque. (The first was damaged during transit.)
 - Mr. Delfin plans to apply. Mr. Pacheco's home is circa 1776. He may apply once the Registry of Deeds opens and he is able to review records.
 - Ms. Gales will speak at the Selectmen's meeting to promote the House Marker Program. Information should appear on FaceBook. Taunton Gazette will publicize. Mr. Delfin will write a summary.
3. *Massachusetts Historical Commission online workshops*
- Upcoming Zoom workshops are approximately 1.5 hours. Ms. Gales & Mr. Delfin are interested. Generally 12-15 are in attendance.
4. *Commission goals*
- Please review for the March meeting for discussion of goals for 2021.

OTHER

- Mr. Pruitt is reviewing deeds for 112 Lincoln Ave. (circa 1700s) He will investigate grantors/grantees for St. Thomas Church of Taunton, formerly Dighton, listed on National Register of Historic Places and built in 1857.
- Discussion held regarding possible demolition of 236 Forest Street, built in 1890.
- TWO vacancies remain on Dighton Historical Commission. Those interested should contact town hall.
- The community garden will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Representatives, including Historical Commission, will tour to decide a location for commemorative plaque. The land is surveyed and donations of materials are requested.
- There has been no notification from the family of Civil War Veteran, Frederick C. Anderson regarding donation of medals.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Solar facility by BWC Greene Brook Solar will have no impact in relation to Historical Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Nickerson makes a motion; seconded by Mr. Delfin. All in favor.
Adjourned: 7:37PM.

NEXT MEETINGS: March 9, April 12, May 11, June 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:
Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk

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