

Dighton Historical Commission; Tuesday July 13, 2021
Old Town Hall, -Lower level / 111 Somerset Ave.

Attendance: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt, Gayle Salve. Absent: Selectman Kenneth Pacheco.

*Meeting is unavailable on Zoom; account is being utilized.

- Called to order: 7:13PM
- Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

* Motion to waive reading of minutes of June 8, 2021 & June 15, 2021 & June 28, 2021 made by Olsen; so moved by Nickerson; all in favor.

Reorganization of Officers

*Nickerson nominates Gailes for a one-year term as Chair; so moved by Olsen; all in favor.

*Pruitt may have filled a vacancy. He will verify with town clerk.

*Nickerson nominates Delfin as Vice-President; so moved by Olsen; all in favor.

*Delfin nominates Nickerson as Clerk; so moved by Olsen; all in favor.

Budget Report

FY2021 DHC Balance: \$1,805.90

Expenses:

1. Planning Survey Mailing = 34.10
2. Boston Post Cane = \$160.00

Fire Cracker Festival expenses will be encumbered for FY2022

Nickerson will request adjusted invoice from Mallard Printing.

Motion to accept/submit adjustment to wrist band cost (\$188.00) made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen; all in favor.

*WB Mason Candy Invoice is \$14.78

FY22 DHC Budget (\$1,000.) approved by Selectmen June 7, 2021.

Unfinished Business

1. *Boston Post Cane*

*DHC received praise from elected officials, families and townspeople: fantastic, positive ceremonies, wonderful.

*Nickerson will continue to research a stand for BPC plaque.

2. *July 10 Parks and Rec Event (Fire Cracker Festival)*

*DHC agree: a positive event. Groups, teams, commissions and clubs well represented.

Preservation Planning

1. *FY21 Survey and Planning Grant Status*

- Twenty-nine consultants expressed interest: Massachusetts Historical Preservation posted details, and request for quotes.
- Town Administrator, Michael Mullen is procurement officer and will forward quotes to Gailes. Mullen, Historian Myrna Santos, DHC comprise selection committee.
- Pruitt has the name of a consultant, highly NOT recommended, who may have done work in Berkley, MA.
- Mullen, Delfin and Gailes have a rubric for four phases. Start date: September 2021.
- August 12, 2021 is deadline for proposals.
- Consultant will send invoices to accountant, then onto Massachusetts Historical Commission for reimbursement.

2. *Historical House Marker Program*

- Delfin submitted application for 400 Lincoln Avenue, built in 1880 as the Eugene Rose Home. The application includes pictures of a turret, which he hopes to replace.
- Motion to approve 400 Lincoln Avenue for House Marker made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen; all in favor. Delfin abstains.

3. *Repurposed wood from James Briggs house*

- Salve researched plaque prices from Awards Plus in Raynham & Bridgewater Trophy. (9X12 & 12X15) \$49- \$99.
- Salve is in contact with a former owner, regarding a photo of the home, which may also be available from DHS.
- Pruitt is researching ownership and history. Pruitt believes "Stout" James Briggs may have been a Captain in the Revolutionary War and was a sea captain.
- Commission members will hold off on sign planning for the James Briggs Community Garden.

4. Archival Plans of Town Clerk

- Mark Pacheco is proactive in preservation. He and Myrna Santos, are meeting with conservation experts to digitizing old property books, which are helpful in genealogy. This is a detailed process and CPC funds are a perfect match.

No public input

Other:

- ❖ Children's Librarian, Lorie Van Hook is hosting Popup Libraries to promote summer reading. Historical titles might be included for adults. Gailes requests suggestions for adult reading.
- ❖ Olsen suggests the DHC consider the purchase of a tablecloth or sign to be used at BPC ceremonies and other events.
- ❖ Delfin spoke with Superintendent, Adele Sands to tour Crane House memorial space at Bristol County Agricultural High School.
- ❖ Myrna Santos may do a cemetery tour specific to DHC.
- ❖ Selectmen dedicate a meeting to spotlight commissions; DHC might be in September.
- ❖ There is one vacancy on DHC.

Next Meetings:

- August 10, 2021
- 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 8:29PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk

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