

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; Tuesday June 8, 2021

Old Town Hall, 111 Somerset Avenue

Attendance: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt, Gayle Salve; Liason/ Non-voting: Kenneth Pacheco.

- Called to order: 7:01PM
- Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading minutes of May 11, 2021 made by Olsen; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes of May 11, 2021 made by Olsen; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

Budget Report

- FY21 Historical Commission Balance: \$1,805.90
- FY22 Historical Commission Budget (\$1,000.) approved at Annual Town Meeting: June 7, 2021

Unfinished Business

1. Boston Post Cane

- June 15, 2021, 5:30PM, Old Town Hall to honor the late Maria C. Barboza.
- June 28, 2021, 6:30PM, Old Town Hall to honor Virginia Silvia.
- Display case is being refinished; wheels and a locked back will be added.
- Commission members will explore display options for Boston Post Cane and plaque.

2. July 10 Parks and Rec Event

Vendors

- Mallard Printing, 657 Quarry Street, #9, Fall River, MA 02723 provided lowest bids.
- Motion to purchase 10 polo shirts with Arial lettering: Dighton Historical Commission, not to exceed \$420.00 made by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to purchase 250 pens, not to exceed \$165.00 made by Delfin; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to purchase 150 rubber, assorted color wristbands: I ❤ Dighton, not to exceed \$175.00 made by Olsen; seconded by Nickerson. All in favor.
- Gailes will order 2-pounds of candy through WB Mason.
- DHC members will share responsibilities; future emails will outline assignments.

3. Walking Tour Update

- Gailes and Olsen have an outline. The first "tour" is expected to be power point. Michael Mullen, Thomas Ferry and DPD and DFD will be involved.
- A press release, and social media forums, will be utilized.

Preservation Planning

1. FY 21 Survey and Planning Grant Status

- Mullen, Delfin and Gailes, via Zoom, on May 26, received instruction and templates. The contract is between Dighton Board of Selectmen and Massachusetts Historical Commission.

- Requests for quotes from consultants will be complete by July 12, 2021 and due August 11, 2021. The selection committee includes DHC, Myrna Santos and Mullen (non-voting.) Criteria and rubric will be specific.
- Approximately 100 properties will be surveyed for MACRIS; information will be available digital and print.

2. Historical House Marker Program
 - Delfin will draft a letter for homeowners regarding National Historic Register.
3. Repurposed wood from Briggs house
 - Building Commission, James Aguiar suggests repurposing boards, as flooring, in the town clerks area. A plaque will explain origination of materials.
 - Pruitt states that New York and Boston have lost buildings; these cities published books with photos and inscriptions. Pruitt would like a photo of Briggs home incorporated on the plaque.
 - Olsen makes a motion to perhaps locate a photo on Zillow; assist with design/pricing on plaque; seconded by Nickerson. All in favor.
 - Pruitt will have a short write-up on James Briggs genealogy to read at our July meeting.

Other

- One vacancy remains on DHC
- Meetings: July 13, 2021 (reorganizational meeting); August 10, 2021; September 14, 2021; October 12, 2021
- Preservation Massachusetts will hold virtual conferences September 23 & 24, 2021; info to follow.
- Selectmen dedicate a meeting to spotlight commissions; DHC may be in September.
- Selectmen will vote on the Boston Post Cane recipient proclamation June 23, 2021.
- Dighton Historical Society is sponsoring Graveyard Girls on September 9, 2021 at 6PM. Olsen attended a prior tour, which explained symbolism of headstones.
- Olsen asks what information is available of Myrna Santos' recent cemetery tours.

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by Delfin; seconded by Nickerson. All in favor.
- Adjourned: 8:37PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk
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