

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; March 9, 2021

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

Secretary's Report

- Amendment made: Mr. Pruitt reviewing deeds for 112 Lincoln Avenue. Ms. Nickerson motion to approve; Ms. Olsen second. All in favor.

Budget Report

- \$160 invoice on warrant to be paid to JC Trophy.

Community Preservation Committee Report

- Mr. Pruitt, Rep on CPC, asked CPC to consider to revise or fully fund, the Historical Commission application, in the event MHC declines grant.
- Mr. Pruitt feels CPC members are on line with survey of historic properties/ areas of interest.
- CPC members, according to Mr. Pruitt, are considering \$30,000 engineering study for potential bike path and parking lot, including signs, painted lanes and safety measures.
- Ms. Gailes will attend March meeting to again talk about grant.

Unfinished Business

1. Boston Post Cane

- Ms. Nickerson spoke with Mrs. Alice Souza regarding Mrs. Veronique Mbongue: our next possible recipient. Ms. Nickerson also inquired about Mr. Joseph Welch; Mrs. Souza did not have information on either candidate.
- Mrs. Souza stresses the Boston Post Cane is safe and in storage at COA.
- Ms. Nickerson spoke with Sister AnnMarie at Dominican Sister Convent regarding ages of 12 nuns currently in residence.
- Ms. Gailes will contact Mr. Tom Ferry, regarding a display case and would like to soon have an "unveiling" for the plaque.

2. Walking Tour of National Register Districts -- Planning

- Brochures will be helpful for self-guided tours and power-point for online study.
- Tentative opening date for Town Hall is April 5, 2021.
- Old Town Hall will be limited to 10, on Zoom and possibly on Channel 9.
- Selectman Nancy Goulart retires March 24, 2021.

3. Community Garden naming and plaque/ marker

- Agricultural Commission supports the naming of James Briggs Community Garden as well as marker.
- Ms. Nickerson, Ms. Olsen and Mr. Delfin will research plaques. There will be a site walk. The plaque must be mounted and protected by a fence.
- Mr. Pruitt suggests a mason clean up the remaining foundation. Planning is ongoing and James Briggs' ancestry will be verified.

4. *Anderson Medal Ceremony*

- A tentative date is March 30, 2021 at 11AM at Unitarian Church, 2036 Elm Street. Bridge dedication and ceremony at Police Station to follow.
- No food due to Covid ☺

Preservation Planning

1. *Survey and Planning Grant FY21 Application*

- Notification of grant will be decided March 10, 2021.

2. *House Marker Program*

- Ms. Gailes has had no response on replacement plaque for Winslow-Davis.
- Dighton Historical Society will offer free, one-year membership, to new members, with purchase of House Marker. Mr. Delfin will publicize and Ms. Gailes would like a brochure.

3. *Commission goals Review*

- Members are making strides and heading in right direction. Covid brought to a halt the vault and historic homes projects.
- Segregansett School House, Old Town Hall and nearby buildings might be included in a district.
- Boston Post Cane is moving ahead.

Other

- Please submit information for Annual Report.
- Ms. Nickerson will ask the family of Mrs. Maria Barboza to assist in planning posthumous Boston Post Cane award.
- Mr. Delfin will attend MHC Zoom, March 30, 3:00PM: "Establishing Local Historic Districts."

Correspondece

- Meetings must be ADA accessible per Coordinator, Mr. Jonathan Gale.
- 236 Forest is demolished. Mr. James Aguiar says house did not meet 100-year guideline.
- Homes are significant based on age, but also because of events and people connected. History is relative to where you are and what is important.
- Mr. Pruitt plans to review demolition bylaw.

Adjournment

- Ms. Nickerson makes motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
Adjourned: 7:59PM

NEXT MEETINGS: April 12, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk

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