

**Dighton Historical Commission**  
**1111 Somerset Ave**  
**Hybrid Meeting – Old Town Hall and Zoom**  
**Minutes of June 13, 2023**

Present: Pat Gailes, Rafa Delfin, Pat Olsen, Irene Allie, David Marvill,  
Peter Caron (BOS Liaison); in public - Zachary Caron

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:08 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's Report
  - Minutes of May 9, 2023  
Motion to approve minutes as amended. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
4. Budget - due to discussions later in the agenda, Gailes placed the Budget item after the discussion about Historical Markers.
  - FY 23 Budget balance/expenses
    - Current balance is \$1287.91
  - FY 23 End of Fiscal Year Encumbrances
    - Encumber \$500 for the GIS mapping. Gailes received an e-mail from Aaron Weston from CAI that the updating of the historical layer will be \$300-500.
5. Unfinished Business
  - Discuss/Review James Briggs Garden sign
    - Certificate for BP – Rafa will create the acknowledgment certificate for BP and also compose an e-mail of gratitude
    - Dedication of Garden – Gailes e-mailed Tonia and Jenna to inquire about the date of dedication ceremony of the garden
    - Thanked Peter Caron for the pressure treated wood for the legs for the sign
  - Review/Discuss/ Act Historical Commission 50<sup>th</sup>
    - Discuss/Review Time Capsule  
Gailes started a letter to BOS, but she also suggested that it may be just as easy to meet with them to discuss the topic
    - Gailes will ask Leeanne to place the Commission on the next BOS agenda
    - Timeline proposed: collect items for the capsule and canvass for sizes and prices of capsules, depending on the budget.
  - Discuss/Review/ Act - Preserving Memories of Dighton
    - Massachusetts Memory Road Show – is a statewide, event-based participatory archiving program that documents people, places, and events in Massachusetts history through family photographs and stories. Delfin explained the procedure on how to bring the road show to Dighton. He asked

when would be the ideal date for the event; he suggested perhaps during the Firecracker Festival on September 9.

- Continued discussion on Oral History Information
- Discuss/Review/Act Helen Lane map donation from Louise Freeman
  - Reviewed the estimates and framing options from Riverside Art
  - Motion to have Riverside Art frame the Helen Lane map for \$410.18. Moved by Allie, seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

## 6. Preservation Planning

- Discuss/Review/Act - Area Form
  - Lower Four Corners - National Register of Historic Places
  - Gailes sent a letter to Ben Hayley
    - Motion to approve letter requesting MHC evaluation of the Area form of Lower Four Corners for National Register of Historic Places eligibility. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Allie. All in favor.
  - Next step to update BOS about our plans. Gailes will call Leeanne to place us on the agenda June 28 or July 12
- Discuss/Review Community-wide Survey Update – Phase 2
  - Gailes met with Stacy Spies via Zoom. Project is on schedule. Lincoln Ave may be one area form. Smaller area forms may be developed based on physical styles of the homes and or builders – i.e. Bedford Street may be an area form. Stacy anticipates that the GIS mapping can be done within the \$500. Most of the inventory has MHC numbers which will help the process along. We have 91 properties, may have a few more that are noncontributing to area forms.
- Historical Markers
  - Discuss/Review/Act on Pending Marker Applications
  - Delfin consulted with another sign making company (Signarama in Raynham) who gave him estimates for a regular marker (which duplicates the marker created by former vendor, Peach Signs Company) - \$126.42 and made of PVC. A larger marker (for town-owned buildings) would cost \$415 and made of HDU or High-Density Urethane. The Commission decided to keep the regular size for all buildings.
  - Pending markers – Chase Street and David Standish house. Delfin will send letters to the owners of 150 and 158 Chase Street informing them to resubmit their application forms as the old form did not include a clause whether or not to give the Commission a permission to publicize their properties. Delfin will also send copies of the history of deeds for each property to the owners.
  - Markers for Historical Town Buildings
    - Per Gailes, we have the ok for the historical markers for town buildings. Buildings are Old Town Hall, Smith Memorial Hall, Carnegie Library Building, Segreganset Schoolhouse and North Dighton Fire Station

## BUDGET DISCUSSION

- FY 23 Budget balance/expenses
  - Our current balance is \$1287.91
  - We need to expend some money to pay for the framing of the map, for notebooks and materials for survey forms, and for markers.

- Motion by Allie to allow the chair to purchase a roll of stamps for \$63. Seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to purchase from WB Mason office supplies not to exceed \$200. (I'm not sure who made this motion, who moved it and who seconded it. Any idea?)
- FY 23 End of Fiscal Year Encumbrances
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## 7. New Business

- Discuss Demolition Delay Bylaw /Sustainability/Reuse. Delfin read statements by three historical commission chairs where the extended demolition delay has been successful in preserving old buildings, such that it has offered options to home owners.
- Dighton Map Donation
  - We received an 1895 Map from the Atlas of Survey's Bristol County Massachusetts, thanks to a gentleman who found it while he was doing a house clean out and thought that the town would like it.

## 8. CPC Report

- The CPC met on May 18, 2023. The commission reviewed present CPC projects.
- The commission reviewed and accepted the Dighton Trails Committee's Application of Eligibility for design and permitting of a Trailhead at Town Hall for the Taunton River Trail. Matching funds to the Mass Trails Grant
- The Annual Public Meeting of the CPC began at 6:00 PM
- No June meeting has been scheduled. CPC usually does not meet during the summer.

## 9. Correspondence - None

## 10. Public Input - None

## 11. Other

- Zachary Caron Volunteer Application. Zachary Caron stated his reason why he wants to join the Commission. Motion to recommend to the BOS that Zachary Caron be appointed to the Historical Commission. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Allie. All in favor. Zachary is requested to attend the next BOS meeting where he will be interviewed by BOS.
- Open Commission position – 2
- Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2023 6pm

## 12. Adjournment – 7:50 PM