

Dighton Historical Commission
1111 Somerset Ave
Hybrid Meeting- Old Town Hall and Zoom
August 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Present – Pat Gailes, Rafa Delfin, Pat Olsen, Irene Allie

Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Review/Discuss/Act – Follow-up with Stacy Spies. Stacy joined us via Zoom.
 - Contract – the contract with Stacy has been signed and she has begun work on the survey
 - Proposals for National Register Nominations
 - We will provide update to the Board of Selectmen possibly during the September 11 BOS regular meeting
 - Discussion on the date to meet with North Dighton village residents. Tentative date is September 23, 2024 for the meeting. We will send letter to the residents by the end of August.
 - Motion to accept proposal for Mt. Hope Finishing Company. Moved by Delfin, seconded by Olsen
4. Secretary's Report
 - Minutes of July 9, 2024
Motion to accept the minutes of July 9, 2024 as amended. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Allie
5. Budget
 - FY25 Budget - No expenditures to date.
6. Unfinished Business
 - Review/Discuss/ Act - Preserving Memories of Dighton. Tabled for next month's meeting.
 - Review/Discuss/Act –Walking Tour Pamphlet of Dighton's National Register Districts. Tabled for next month's meeting.
 - Review/Discuss/Act – Historical Marker – due to death in the vendor's immediate family Old Town hall marker has not yet been completed
7. New Business
 - Review/Discuss/Act 2024 Massachusetts Historic Preservation Conference Friday September 27 at the Hanover Theatre & Conservatory in Worcester. Early Bird price is \$125 ends August 16. Register on line. Motion to send committee representatives to the conference. Moved by Olsen; seconded by Allie.
8. Reports
 - CPC report – The CPC met on July 18 to discuss the town meeting votes results and the status of the CPC projects. They also discussed signage for CPC projects. Reviewed/Discussed an application of eligibility from the Dighton Housing Authority. Requested more information.
 - Library Building Committee Met on August 8. The committee has received 100% design plans from MMT architect firm. Discussion held on workstreams for the project – building infrastructure, budget, fundraising and community outreach. Selectmen will be updated on the project on August 21.

- America's 250th Anniversary Committee – Met on August 5. Developed a sponsorship letter for businesses and families. Reviewed estimated budget/funding, grants, publicity. Will have informational table at Arts Festival. Events planned:

Reading of the Declaration -July 4, 2025 and August 18, 2026

Tentative Reenactment – October 2027. Place and date to be determined. Rich Gunther will be presenting this proposal to the Continental line in Feb. 2025.

Working on a speaker about Ezra Stiles

Historical Society tentative plan for a House and Garden tour.

9. Other

- Next Meeting Date – September 10, 2024 6:00 PM
- Review/Discuss/Act – Working Committee date – August 29 (Thursday) or 26 (Monday) at the Police Station
- Reorganization of Commission - Positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Clerk need to be voted. Tabled for the next meeting when all 7 members will be present.

10. Correspondence

- Letter from OCHM regarding sponsorships/donations for Liberty and Union Day on October 19 2024
- Flyer from Rehoboth Historical Commission - Event on Sept 7 & 8 Redway Plain, Rehoboth History Through the Ages Living History Timeline Exhibition & Encampment.

11. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn. Moved by Delfin, seconded by Olsen. Adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Rafa Delfin, 9/6/2024