

**Dighton Historical Commission**

**1111 Somerset Ave**

**Old Town Hall**

**September 10, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

**Present: Patricia Gailes, Rafa Delfin, Patricia Olsen, Shara Costa, Zach Caron, Irene Allie**

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:11 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's Report
  - Minutes of August 13, 2024  
Motion to accept the minutes of August 13, 2024 as amended. Moved by Patricia Olsen, seconded by Shara Costa. All in favor.
  - Minutes of August 29, 2024  
Motion to accept the minutes of August 29, 2024 as submitted. Moved by Zach Caron, seconded by Irene Allie. All in favor.
4. Budget
  - FY25 Budget  
There were no expenditures this month. The balance is \$1400 plus \$80 encumbered. Motion to purchase one roll of stamps for \$73.00. Moved by Zach Caron, seconded by Shara Costa. All in favor.
5. Unfinished Business
  - Review/Discuss/ Act - Preserving Memories of Dighton – We need contact information for Cam (15 year-old) who will be one of the interviewees
  - Review/Discuss/Act –Walking Tour Pamphlet of Dighton's National Register Districts -Zach presented a draft of the pamphlet. We discussed what changes could be made in the draft.
  - Review/Discuss/Act – Historical Marker  
Gailes reached out to the vendor, Paul Pacheco, waiting for a response. She said that Rehoboth also has a historical marker program and she reached out to the Rehoboth historical commission for the name of the vendor they use. Rehoboth charges \$100 and make some money on the marker (\$50). She will discuss with the Dighton town accountant to see if our commission can do the same.  
Motion to seek a new vendor to make the historical marker. Moved by Zach Caron, seconded by Patricia Olsen. All in favor.
6. Preservation  
Review/Discuss/Act – Mt. Hope Finishing Company area as locally significant  
At the March 12,2024 we identified the Mt. Hope Finishing Company as locally significant in the history, archaeology, architecture or culture in the town of Dighton. The informational meeting for Mt. Hope Village residents is set for September 23 starting at 7 PM at the Old Town Hall. We will provide refreshments.
7. Reports
  - CPC report

Met on August 15 but Gailles was not able to attend. The next meeting is September 19. Gailles has sent the eligibility determination for the *Nomination of Mt. Hope Finishing Company Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places* form to the chairman. It will be on the September agenda. Rafa Delfin will attend the meeting on October 17.

- Library Building Committee

Met on August 29. Plan B Construction has begun work on the interior of 207 Main St. Electrical, HVAC and plumbing has not started. Work on the outside porches has begun. Six of the columns will be reused. Column caps will be used as a cop and a foundation. Exterior ramp work has not started. One new ramp on the east side and refurbish the existing ramp. At the November special town meeting, there will be an article to reclassify Special Article 8 from the Nov. 2020 town meeting to be applied to the 207 Main St. project. Next meeting is September 12.

- America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The committee met on Monday, September 9, 2024. Worked on sponsorship letter and sponsorship levels. Discussion on possible series of programs plus the tentative reenactment. A special town article is being submitted to the BOS for funding of \$30,000 for inclusion on the November warrant.

8. Other

- Wheeler Cemetery – Dighton Cemetery #38
- Reviewed map of the Wheeler Cemetery in relation to the Oak Energy Solar Farm project.
- Next Meeting Date – October 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Review/Discuss – Massachusetts Historic Preservation Conference
- Reorganization of Commission  
Motion to re-elect Patricia Gailles as Chair. Moved by Zach Caron, seconded by Irene Allie. All in favor.  
Motion to re-elect Rafa Delfin as Vice-Chair and Clerk. Motion by Zach Caron, seconded by Irene Allie. All in favor.
- Next work meeting – September 19, 6:30 PM at Dighton Police Station

9. Correspondence - None

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Moved by Zach Caron and seconded by Irene Allie. All in favor.