

Dighton Historical Commission
1111 Somerset Avenue
Hybrid Meeting –Old Town Hall & Zoom
November 12,2024 6 p.m.

Present: Pat Gailes, Patricia Olsen, Irene Allie, Zach Caron and Shara Costa

1. Call Meeting to Order -6:11 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's Report:
Minutes of October 8,2024. Motion of minutes October 8,2024 moved by Zach Caron seconded by Shara Costa. All in favor. *In the absence of Secretary Rafa Delfin, president Pat Gailes asked that Irene Allie be Temporary secretary for this meeting.*
4. FY 25 Budget: Current balance: \$1,286.13 remaining; conference expenses To be submitted for the next expenses to be paid. Segregranset School House budget amount unchanged; Donations Budget amount unchanged.
5. Unfinished Business:
 - Preserving Memories: Zach Caron to contact Cam Ventura's mother to Set up a time for interviewing
 - Walking Tour Pamphlet: Zach Caron continues to work on same; Photos Still being researched for the Customs House and Yacht Club along with Darius Perry house; to contact Myrna Santos and the Historical Society If any photos available; BayBank has made donation for the printing.
 - Historical Marker - Decision to table till December Meeting to see if Rafa Has a new vendor
6. Preservation:
 - Pat Gailes made the Commission aware that Stacey Spies has completed the field work in the West Dighton Survey. Still needs to contact the owner of the "Poor House" property owner on Smith Street to review the property, date and time pending. Discussion brought up Re: any records on the "Poor House" in past town reports of the era.
 - Mt. Hope Finishing Company Area- Pat Gailes will meet with the Selectmen, Wednesday Night, Nov.13at 6 p.m. for a report summary for the National Register District and report on the past meeting with the community at the September 23rd meeting.
7. Reports:
 - CPC report –no new information; Article on the November 14 Town Meeting Warrant for transfer of monies for the request by the Commission.
 - Library Building Committee - Progress is being made on the Plumbing to be done by the Students from Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational School. HVAC bids are due in December; Concerns over the width of the doors near the parking lot ramp. Doors not wide enough and the concern on the integrity of the historical aspect is a question. Pat to meet with Jonathan Gailes and James Aguiar. Discussion also on the columns not in good condition from the present building a total of 10 being of concern. Mike Berube from the Highway Dept. has taken on project to reconfigure the columns to keep historical and incorporate in the building.
 - America's 250th Anniversary Committee - Pat Gailes made the Commission aware there is an article on the special Town Meeting Warrant Nov.14 for matching funds. The committee will be working on fundraising and monies from the town to go toward the

Reenactment Program. Pat spoke at the Veteran's Breakfast and the Veterans Ceremony as well as at Church Fair and Fall festival with table of Information for the Towns People. Has had positive feedback.

8. Other:

- Next Meeting date for the Commission is December 10,2024 at 6pm
- Internship request of Samantha Schecter, Somerset. She is the daughter of Stephanie Schecter in the Assessor's office who is a student at UMASS-Dartmouth requesting an internship for her Sociology/Anthropology Class. She needs 120 hours from January 21 - April 30,2025 and to work on projects as an unpaid internship to assist in Old Bristol Path; Nat Crane House information; maybe assist with Interview in Making Memories and has experience with writing and collecting Material. Town Administrator is aware and documentation of her internship will be provided at the end of the time. Motion was made to accept the unpaid internship starting in January 2025. Moved by Zach Caron, seconded by Shara Costa. All accepted the motion.

- Resignation letter received by the Commission from David Marvill. Motion made moved by Zach Caron and seconded by Shara Costa. Dave will continue to work at the studio to assist in Memories Program. Pat Gailes will notify the Selectmen at Wednesday's meeting of vacancy.

9. Correspondence:

A letter was received from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding Oak Solar Farm and the Walker Cemetery #38. Concern re: the plans and avoidance of disturbing the cemetery area. Pat has shared the letter with the Conservation Commission.

10. Motion to adjourn. Moved by Zach Caron and seconded by Shara Costa.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. All in favor.