

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; June 14, 2022

1059 Somerset Avenue/Hybrid

- Called to order: 6:06 PM
- **Present:** Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt
- **Absent:** Jonathon Lawrence; **Zoom:** Selectman Kenneth Pacheco
- Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading of minutes May 10, 2022 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes: May 10, 2022 so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

4. Budget

Balance = \$169.63

(\$300 committed to overlay map) MHC will provide ID#'s for map; Mallard Printing = \$223.87

- Gailes anticipates spending nearly all of budget by June, 30 2022
- Motion to encumber \$300, if needed, so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

5. Unfinished Business

- Plaque for James Briggs house: Commissioner James Aguiar will decide location; Delfin will post on FaceBook.
- Firecracker Festival Planning: July 9, 2022/ Town track. Set up: 11AM Shirts, tablecloth, maps, pens, canopy, crayons, candy, coloring pages, desk
- Town Web Page: Content to be reviewed by Leeanne Kerwin. Website should be updated September, 2022. Delfin will attend training.
- James Briggs Garden sign: tabled until meetings with garden club; Pruitt will write a brief paragraph; Delfin has a high-resolution photo.

6. Preservation Planning

- *FY Survey and Planning Grant Status*
Stacy Spies has submitted eligibility listings also area maps.
MHC may add comments during review; MHC is host of MACRIS.
June 24 target will be pushed back.
DHC will have “hard copies” at Town Hall and Library; word files available also. Media formats “user friendly” for all! National Register property eligibility is included!

Invoice for Phase 3 = \$12,500 to be sent to CPC so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin.
Phase 4 includes a complete report, agreed to by DHC, submitted for review to MHC by July 29.

Gailes explains that same process will be followed: request for proposals, quotes and a meeting to review with Michael Mullen. Preliminary target list will include North Dighton and Mount Hope Finishing area, including homes 100+ years old. Pruitt will review “target list” for new properties.

7. New Business

- Boston Post Cane

DHC offers a moment of silence for Virginia Silvia, passed May 24, 2022. Dorothy Perry, 49 Forest St., 99, is candidate for BPC. Olsen will connect.
- Smith Memorial Hall Acquisition
 - 207 Main Street, built in 1889, was overwhelmingly approved, by Town Meeting, as new library. The shingle style structure is on MACRIS and eligible for National Register.
- Historical House Marker Program
 - Jo Ann Racine is holding a reception at her home, 624 Middle Street, June 29th, 4PM, to unveil the historical marker plaque.

8. Correspondence

- Gerald Autler, DCR Trails and Gateways Director would like a meeting about sites along Rail Trail. June 24th is potential date; time to be determined.
- Nickerson will email Lawrence to see if new start time: 6PM is manageable.
- Pruitt will have evidence of date of his house construction.

9. Public Input

None

10. Other

Open Commission position – 1

Next Meetings: **6PM** July 12; August 9; September 13, October 11, November 8, 2022.

11. Adjournment

So moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor. Adjourned **7:20 PM**

Respectfully,

Pamela J. Nickerson

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