

Patricia Gales
June 14, 2022

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; May 10, 2022
1059 Somerset Avenue/Hybrid

- Called to order: 6:05 PM. Recorded and will be available on Zoom.
- **Present:** Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gales, Jonathon Lawrence, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt
- **Audience:** Jenna Monteiro, Tonia Patricio, Vicki Piazza
- Pledge of Allegiance

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading of minutes April 12, 2022. So moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
- Motion to accept amended minutes: April 12, 2022 A vat of boiling liquid spilled on the man's legs. He died 10 days later. 221 Summer Street. So moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

4. Unfinished Business

James Briggs Garden sign

Garden Committee, Agricultural Council and DHC agree Briggs Garden is worthy of memorial. Sign prices vary; version of Historical Home Marker might be suitable or design similar to Sweet Knolls. Visibility is a concern; Monteiro would like a photo.

Lawrence thinks Bristol Plymouth might manufacture a sign. Under discussion.

- Cold crop vegetables are in, volunteers, vegetables will be available for elders, residents of Lincoln Village and clients of food pantry.

Plaque for James Briggs house

- Nickerson will have the plaque redone, due to typos.

Segreganset Schoolhouse

Revised Purpose Statement by Delfin & Lawrence

"The Segreganset Schoolhouse was built around 1830 in Dighton, Massachusetts and is the only one-room schoolhouse that is still owned by the town. It was a single classroom for students in grades 1-8. It has not been opened since 2012. The goal of the Dighton Historical Commission is to rehabilitate the schoolhouse to be repurposed as a historical and living museum so Dightonians can bring back and relive the history of that era."

Motion to approve revised purpose statement so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

Rail Trail/ Sweet Knoll Information

Delfin, Gales and Myrna Santos reviewed signage. Project ongoing.

Report on Nat Crane display at Bristol Aggie

Project ongoing; will revisit September, 2022

Firecracker Festival Planning

- o Santos, and artist Mary Bennett, developed coloring book, which was a fundraiser for Segreganset schoolhouse; DHC will distribute pages.
- o Dighton maps for display; cursive, games, antique desk, candy, tablecloth & DHC shirts
- o Nickerson will pick up 300 boxes of crayons, not to exceed \$230, so moved by Nickerson, seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

Motion to take agenda item #6 out of order so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.

5. Historical House Marker Program

- o Dan Higgins & Vicki Piazza researched 221 Summer Street, perhaps a Craftsman home kit, now owned by Piazza.
- o According to Pruitt: 1922, Joseph Knowles Milliken, co-owner of Mount Hope Finishing contracted Frederick Law Olmstead Jr. to design homes/ landscape of Chase Street.
- o Deed determines name on plaque. Mount Hope Finishing Company circa 1910. Motion to approve 221 Summer Street for Historical Home Marker so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor. Piazza says neighbors plan to submit applications! ☺

6. Budget

(\$300 set aside for overlay map; no invoice yet)

- o Gales anticipates spending nearly all of budget by June, 30 2022.
- o Delfin and Gales attended Finance Committee, May 3, 2022; increase for 2023 is under advisement.

7. Preservation Planning

FY21 Survey and Planning Grant Status

- Survey and Planning Grant will be completed on schedule; Stacy Spies will have draft inventory forms and area forms for review. *Look for link. National Register property eligibility is included!
- Grant applications
Town meeting: June 6, 2022. Article for warrant is written, under review, to see if town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 for completion of Phase 2 of Historic Resources.
Delfin suggests yard signs, hopes for increased voter turnout.

8. Correspondence: None

9. No public Input: None

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10. Other

Open Commission position = 1

Next Meeting: June 14, 2022 Time Change = 6PM

11. Adjournment

So moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor. Adjourned 7:08 PM

Next Meetings: June 14; July 12; August 9; September 13, October 11, November 8, 2022.

Respectfully,

Pamela J. Nickerson

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