

Dighton Historical Commission

Minutes for August September 13, 2022

Hybrid Meeting – Old Town Hall & Via Zoom

1. Called to order: 6:07 PM. Recorded and will be available on Zoom.
Present: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt, Irene Allie, Liaison/Selectman: Kenneth Pacheco. Public: Ron Smith
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's Report
 - Motion to waive reading the minutes of August 9, 2022. So moved by Delfin; seconded by Allie. All in favor.
 - Motion to accept the minutes of August 9, 2022. So moved by Allie; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
 - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of September 6, 2022. So moved by Olsen; seconded by Allie. All in favor.
 - Motion to accept the minutes of September 6, 2022. So moved by Olsen; seconded by Allie. All in favor.
4. Budget
 - FY22 Budget Balance/Expenses - June 30 budget sheet from the accountant ends with 469.63 with \$300 encumbered for invoice for CAI technologies
 - FYE23 Budget – \$1600 balance no expenditures through July 20,2022 from the Accountant's Expenditure Report. Encumbered \$300 is reflected on this report for an ending balance in July of \$1900
 - Invoice JC Company Invoice for \$14.00 for engraving 2 names plates for the Boston Post Cane Plaque. Date for Harry Baxter- Green and Dorothy Perry Motion to approve \$14.00 expenditure for engraving name plates on the Boston Post Cane plaque
5. Unfinished Business
 - Discuss/Review James Briggs Garden sign – Gailes talked with Jenna regarding the sign. Jenna has some graphic design skills. Still working on Capt. James Briggs write up which we will share with commission members and with Jenna. Delfin will provide high resolution photos of the James Briggs house. Still looking for design options which the draft of the design will help when contacting possible sign makers.
 - Discuss/Review Historical Commission Town Webpage
 - Information to add - Found 2 articles. See distributed sheet on local historical district and national registry of historical places. We should discuss by October if we able to add this information in our webpage.
 - Discuss/Review Historical Sites for the DCR Dighton Rail Trail Project Continue to meet with town historian Myrna Santos regarding the write up for the identified sites.

Design Concept Public Meeting for the Taunton River Trail at Sweets Knoll – September 22 @6pm. Gailes will send the link.

6. Preservation Planning

- FY 21 Survey and Planning Grant Status

Have the final Forms – GIS mapping is in final edits. All products are due by September 30.

Gailes bought examples of Form B's. We will make copies and notebooks for library, town historian, and Dighton Historical Society.

To place online with the new webpage – all forms would also have to be read in for accessibility. We went over the community-wide Historic Properties Survey Update – Phase II (see sheet).

Listing for National Register of Historical Places – will need to work on to begin process for some of the properties listed. This is eligible activity for Survey and Planning Grant which hasn't come out yet this year. Usually, a letter of application for intent due mid-November.

- Community-wide Historic Properties Survey Update – Phase II

Changes in the Scope of Work for two reasons – non-MHC funded project and we are aware of Stacy's work on the inventory forms.

Review the new scope of work. Three phases with new dates and 3 payments.

Motion to approve the Scope of Work changes. So moved by Olsen, seconded by Allie.

7. CPC Report – Per Bill Pruitt, Jonathan Gale helped him install the Dropbox app for files and paper work. There are changes in the CPC application form. Pruitt said he is “happy” with the current committee. Gailes said that Stacy Spies's contract renewal will be discussed by the Selectmen's meeting on September 14.

8. New Business

- Discussed and reviewed upcoming grant opportunities

CPC applications

New Survey and Planning Round - more Survey updates or National Register work?

- Discussed and reviewed volunteer application of Ronald Smith. Smith was present and talked about his professional background and contributions as former member of CPC and Cable TV Committee.

Motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Ronald Smith be appointed to the Dighton Historical Commission. So moved by Delfin, seconded by Allie. All in favor.

- Discussed and reviewed on honoring Mary Rebello. Gailes will send an email to Trista Tate, program manager Prime Time about honoring Mary Rebello who turns 104 in December. Mary lived in Dighton until she was 100. Even though she no longer lives in Dighton, Mary is not eligible to receive the Boston Post Cane. However, Delfin suggested that the town honor her as “The Oldest Former Resident of Dighton”. Motion to work with Trista about honoring Mary Rebello. So moved by Delfin, seconded by Allie. All in favor.

9. Correspondence – None

10. Public Input - None

11. Other

- Open Commission positions – only 1 left (after accepting Ronald Smith's application)
- Next Meeting Date: October 11, 2022 6pm

12. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. So moved by Delfin, seconded by Allie. All in favor.