

**Dighton Historical Commission Minutes: November 9, 2021, 1111 Somerset Avenue/ Hybrid Meeting**

Attendance: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, Gayle Salve, Selectman/Liaison: Kenneth Pacheco.

Absent: Jonathan Lawrence, William Pruitt.

- Meeting is available on Zoom
- Called to order: 7:05PM
- Pledge of Allegiance

**Secretary's report:**

\*Gailes notes two typos: "searchable"

\* Three steps in the handout are:

- Identify
- Evaluate
- Protection

Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Olsen; so moved by Nickerson. All in favor.

**Budget:** Balance = **\$735.02**; table runner= \$155.01

**Unfinished business:**

*Bristol County Agricultural High School Visit*

- Gailes will set up inventory visit for Crane items at Segreganset School. Pacheco notes lead paint/dust and suggests masks.

*Plaque for James Briggs house*

- Salve will continue to explore options at Awards Plus. The shop is moving!

**Preservation Planning:**

- Stacy Spies submitted methodology report, Phase 1. Historian, Myrna Santos added notes/questions.
- A Zoom session will happen with Gailes, MHC and Spies for criteria on ninety properties to be included.
- Request made to place Pacheco's home on that list.
  - Focus remains on 100+ year-old properties most at risk
  - Architectural quality and integrity
  - Historical Merit
  - Location matters: clusters/ stand alone homes
  - Streetscape contribution
- DHC will have opportunity to agree to chosen properties.
- **Grouping is important!**

For example: Area of Elm Street includes some homes, Council Oak tree, cemetery, church and streetscapes.

- *Phase 1 Report/Invoice*
  - Motion to approve Spies' Stage One report so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.
  - Spies' invoice: \$3,750. CPC is funding source. Motion to approve sending invoice to CPC so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Defin. All in favor.
- *CAI Technologies Base Map for Historical Projects*
  - Spies is required to give a base map, which will be useful for other projects. This is beyond scope of CAI work.
  - A hard-copy measures 36X48 and denotes streets, parcels and owners. Cost = \$1,900.
  - Spies will give \$300; Michael Mullen, town administrator asked DHC to give \$300 and he will work on additional funding.
  - Additional, future upgrades will cost between \$200- \$500.
  - Motion to allocate \$300 to base mapwork by CAI Technologies so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.

- *Historical House Marker Program*
  - Motion to amend homeowner application letters to include approximate cost of taxes and shipping so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor.
  - Application for eligibility letter has been submitted to CPC; Gailes will attend a future CPC meeting. FY 23 Survey and Planning Grant letter was also submitted and was due November 15, 2021. Subsequent grants are rare. However, DHC is hopeful.
- *Discussion of video on Local Historic Districts*
  - Establishing relationships among departments and neighborhoods is crucial.
  - Sharing mission is crucial. Gailes will speak at Planning board.
  - DHC is on the right road. Architecture shows investment in town.
  - Stonewall delay bylaws that went before town meeting was turned down.

Zoom Webinars by Mass Preservation were helpful.

**New Business:**

- *Capital Outlay Request Forms*
  - Submitted to Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator; beyond \$5,000 expenditures can be paid out over five-years.
  - Capital Outlay forms are “projections.” Pacheco notes that time changes prices.
  - FY23, FY24, FY25, FY26 are submitted for various projects.
- Gailes and Mullen agree Segreganset School House belongs on the radar of MHC.
  - \*Estimate approximately = \$45,000: design plans, utilities, bathrooms and necessary upgrades.
  - \* Last town-owned one room school house.

The municipal Building Committee will be involved as the school is in a “municipal campus.”

\*Olsen stresses that DHC needs to work on homes ourselves and use examples and resources.

\*Old Colony History Museum, 66 Church Green, Taunton has old photos of Dighton.

Motion to accept Capital Outlay request forms as written and be submitted to capital outlay committee so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.

- *Dighton Trails Committee*
  - History along Taunton River is reflective of Dighton and signage should be incorporated.
  - Jeff Carvalho, Chairman will share plans with DHC and Department of Conservation and Recreation.
  - Carvalho will be invited to DHC January meeting. (A book on the Taunton River is coming out 2022.)
    - There is no correspondence. There is no public input.

*Other:*

Kevin Smith, Chairman says Firecracker Festival 2022 is a **YES!**

Motion to adjourn so moved by Nickerson; seconded by Delfin. All in favor. Adjourned: 7:52PM

Next meetings: December 14, 2021, January 11, 2022; February 8, 2022; March 8, 2022; April 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk*

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