

## **Dighton Historical Commission Minutes: April 13, 2021**

- Zoom: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt; Liaison/Selectman Kenneth Pacheco: non-voting
- Recorded; available Channel 9 & YouTube. Called to order: **7:00PM**

### **Secretary's Report**

- Amendment made: demolition delay bylaw to be reviewed at April meeting. Motion to waive the reading of minutes made by Ms. Nickerson; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to accept March 2021 minutes, as amended, made by Ms. Nickerson; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.

### **Budget Report**

- \$160 paid to JC Trophy.
- Historical Commission Budget: \$1,805.90

### **Community Preservation Committee Report**

- CPC will support application and request for \$25,000 to hire preservation consultant and FY2021 Survey Planning Grant. The vote was unanimous. Thank you to Dighton CPC.
- Ms. Gailes compiled Annual Report for Dighton Historical Commission. Motion to approve by Ms. Nickerson. Seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Boston Post Cane**

- Ms. Olsen sent letter to Mrs. Veronique Mbongue: our next possible recipient. No response. Mr. Joseph Welch will potentially be the next candidate.
- Family of the late Maria Barboza is available for ceremony.
- A glass case will be moved from Bristol Agricultural High School to Old Town Hall. Artifacts may be changed biannually. Ms. Olsen suggests incorporating milk bottles.
- Ms. Gailes plans a cooperative effort with the Historical Society; their items will be stipulated "on loan."

#### **3. Community Garden naming and plaque/ marker**

- If four or more Dighton Historical Commission members attend a community garden tour, the meeting MUST be posted and minutes taken.

### **Preservation Planning**

#### **1. Survey and Planning Grant FY21 Application**

- Notification of grant: March 10, 2021; Dighton Historical Commission will receive \$12,500 through Massachusetts Historical Commission!
- Dighton Board of Selectmen accepted grant funding!
- Project coordinators will meet, including Ms. Gailes and Mr. Michael Mullen, Town Administrator.
- John Guilford Public Relations will write a press release.

## **2. House Marker Program**

- Ms. Gailes showed replacement plaque for Winslow-Davis.
- Saturday May 22, 2021, 11AM is unveiling; Historical Commission is invited.

## **Review of Demolition Bylaw**

- Notification, prior to demolition of a 100-year-old building, or older, will be sent to Dighton Historical Commission.
- Chair of Historical Commission must request information, for Historical Commission business, involving Board of Selectmen. Requests for personal use are permissible.
- A six-month delay allows Historical Commission to be responsible to offer alternatives, and resources, to homeowners.
- Discussion should remain respectful.
- Demolition bylaws are consistent across Massachusetts' cities and towns; wording echoes one another.
- Mr. Pruitt questions method of determining "historic" homes.
- Events and associations of people of interest, also social status and architecture may determine significance.

## **Other:**

- Two vacancies remain on Historical Commission.
- Anderson Medal of Honor Ceremony, March 30, 2021 was wonderful, well-planned, dignified.
- Board of Selectmen is addressing vacancies on all commissions.

## **Adjournment**

- Ms. Nickerson makes motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.  
Adjourned: 7:39 PM

**NEXT MEETINGS:** May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:  
Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk

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