

## **Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; January 12, 2021**

- Zoom: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt; Liason/Selectman Kenneth Pacheco is non-voting.
- Meeting recorded and will be available on Channel 9 & YouTube.
- Called to order: **7:01PM**

### **Secretary's Report**

- Motion to approve amended minutes of December 8, 2020 made by Ms. Nickerson; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to approve amended minutes of November 10, 2020 made by Ms. Nickerson; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.

### **Budget Report**

1. Balance: \$1,965.90
2. \$160.00 purchase order to JC Trophy
3. FY22 budget request due February 1, 2021.
4. *FY22 Budget*

Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$0
Professional & Technical	\$800.
Communications	\$250.
Other Supplies	\$750.
Travel	\$200.
Total:	\$2,000.

5. Motion to approve budget made by Ms. Nickerson; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
6. Ms. Gailes requests members email signature of acceptance.
7. Ms. Gailes will meet with Selectman Dr. Brett Zografos February 8, 2021. In addition, Ms. Gailes will attend, via Zoom, Selectmen's budget meeting and speak with Assistant Leeanne Kerwin. Mr. Pacheco also offers guidance.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. *Boston Post Cane*
  - Mrs. Maria Barboza is in poor health, according to her daughter, Norberta Melville. Ms. Nickerson will remain in contact regarding a ceremony. The family is honored and excited to have their Matriarch recognized.

*2. Walking Tour of National Register Districts – Planning*

- Ms. Gales and Ms. Olsen will continue research. Library Director, Jocelyn Tavares will be invited to include her thoughts.

**Preservation Planning**

*1. Survey and Planning Grant FY21 Letter of Intent/Grant Application*

- Peter Stott, Preservation Planner at Massachusetts Historical Commission, suggests grant success increases if areas are described, rather than individual homes.
- The grant will need a preliminary target list of historic properties. Several areas are under consideration as noted by Ms. Gales, Ms. Olsen and Mr. Pruitt: Main and Elm Streets, a section of Somerset Avenue, Lower Taunton River and Segreganset which include some of the oldest homes in town. There are also some homes in North Dighton date to 1700s! Ms. Gales feels a tier approach of areas then homes might be effective. The geographic scope of the work and target list can change.
- Ms. Olsen explains the significance of a home on Lincoln Avenue that sports a black line on the brick chimney, which once signified involvement in a political party.
- Ms. Gales will complete the grant including the narrative, objectives and scope of work. Mr. Delfin will proof.
- CPC meeting is January 21, 2021. Mr. Pruitt, our representative, will emphasize the importance of preservation. Dr. Zografos will review and sign the application.

*2. Winslow Davis House Marker*

- Mrs. Gales will follow up on sign replacement.

*3. James Briggs House*

- Demolition completed end of 2020. The starburst, some doors, mantle, beams and latches are believed to be saved.
- Ms. Gales will correspond with Selectmen to propose a marker at the community garden, stating significance. Several committees are involved; they need to agree.

**Other**

- TWO vacancies remain; no applicants.

1. *Frederick C. Anderson*

- Family will donate the Civil War Veteran's Medal of Honor. (End of March) Mr. Pacheco will invite the Commission. Anderson is buried at Unitarian Church; upon receipt, the medals will be displayed at the Police Station.

2. *"A Passion for Preservation" by Alyssa Lozupone*

- Mr. Pruitt recommends this book. It describes successes of the Newport Preservation Society, an organization he has been a member of since the 1980s. Some points might be useful.
  - Ms. Olsen asks Mr. Pacheco if Superintendent Tom Ferry has any progress on a case for Boston Post Cane. Mr. Pacheco reports no progress.
  - Renovations at Town Hall provide workspace for the Historical Commission, including a desk and computer.

**Correspondence**

- Notification from Massachusetts Historical Commission of solar farm construction by BWC Greene Brook Solar at 903 Tremont Street, 0 Middle Street and 624 Middle Street.
- Massachusetts Historical Commission sends a post card of a grant application for properties on the State's Historic Register.

**Adjourn**

- Ms. Nickerson makes a motion to adjourn; second by Mr. Delfin. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:57pm.

**Next Meetings**

- February 9, 2021 (Zoom)
- March 9, 2021
- April 12, 2021
- May 11, 2021
- June 8, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Pamela J. Nickerson*  
Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk  
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