

**Dighton Historical Commission; Tuesday September 14, 2021**  
**Old Town Hall - Lower Level/ 1111 Somerset Avenue**

Attendance: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt, Gayle Salve, Selectman/ Liaison: Kenneth Pacheco. Audience: John Lawrence.

- Meeting is available on Zoom
- Called to order 7:02PM
- Pledge of allegiance

***Secretary's Reports***

\*Motion to waive reading of minutes August 10, 2021 made by Olsen; so moved by Nickerson. All in favor.

\*Motion to approve minutes August 10, 2021 made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen. All in favor.

\*Motion to waive reading of minutes August 24, 2021 made by Nickerson; so moved by Delfin. All in favor.

\*Motion to accept minutes of August 24, 2021 made by Nickerson; so moved by Olsen. All in favor.

\*Minutes of August 31, 2021 will be read & approved at a later date.

***Historic Records Preservation***

Town Clerk, Mark Pacheco continues work to preserve records.

***Budget Report***

- Nickerson will have an exact quote from Mallard for tablecloth.
- Nickerson continues to research an appropriate easel for BPC plaque.
- Continued discussion on promotional items for Fire Cracker Festival, 2022.

*Office supplies*

\*100 Envelopes = \$23.48

\*3 binders for storage = \$24.84

Motion to purchase office supplies from WB Mason made by Nickerson; seconded by Olsen. All in favor.

***Balance: \$975.21***

***Unfinished Business:***

*Bristol County Agricultural High School Visit – August 12, 2021*

Delfin, Nickerson and Olsen toured BCAHS to scope area for Crane house tribute.

- Olsen suggests a biography and photos.
- Nickerson suggests a case for door hinges/nails.
- Nickerson, Pacheco may inventory Crane House items at Segregansett School; lead paint is present.
- Pruitt questions what other homes were demolished on the 220-acre site. For example: Gooding / Macomber.
- 1871 maps are available. Pruitt would like to expand original plan.
- A follow up visit to BCAHS is necessary; Delfin will connect with Robin VanRotz, Director of Community Partnerships.

- Delfin will continue to post minutes and agendas for DHC; Nickerson is GRATEFUL!
- Discussion was held regarding a DHC an exclusive FaceBook page. Discussion should be held with Town Administrator, M. Mullen.

### ***Preservation Planning***

1. Massachusetts Historical Commission has approved the contract between Stacy Spies and Dighton. Selectmen and Spies will sign. MHC, Gailes and Spies will meet prior to Phase One, which should take six weeks to complete.
2. Preservation Massachusetts Conference is September 23 & 24.
3. Gailes distributed copies of maps, compiled by Myrna Santos, which may be helpful for historic home search.

### **Historical Marker Program**

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5. Discussion of video on Local Historic Districts.

- The video explains policy to communicate with officers in: zoning, planning, inspection and demolition laws; public hearings are necessary, according to 40C.
- Pacheco suggests the DNC watch via YouTube in 15 minute segments at meetings.
- Dighton boasts TWO National Historic Districts, an honorary recognition. Timetable to establish National Historic District is 18-24 months. DHC is responsible for education and outreach.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Gailes, with assistance from Delfin, will complete an application to CPC FY22 for continued preservation documentation funding to prepare for another round of Survey and Planning Grant. Motion to proceed with CPC application made by Nickerson; so moved by Delfin. All in favor.

- ✓ One vacancy remains on DHC; John Lawrence was in attendance and will speak with Leanne Kerwin, Administrative Assistant, regarding application.
- ✓ Wednesday, September 29, 2021, DHC will have the “spotlight” at Selectmen’s Meeting.

***Next meetings: October 12, November 9, December 14.***

Motion to adjourn made by Delfin; so moved by Nickerson. All in favor.

Adjourned 8:14PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk*

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