

Dighton Historical Commission Minutes; Tuesday May 11, 2021

Old Town Hall , 1111 Somerset Ave. Hybrid Meeting due to Covid19

Attendance: Rafael Delfin, Patricia Gailes, Pamela Nickerson, Patricia Olsen, William Pruitt. Audience: Gayle Salve, Candidate

Absent: Kenneth Pacheco, Selectman

- Called to order: 7:02PM
- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

- Motion to waive reading of minutes April 13, 2021 made by Ms. Nickerson; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
- Motion to accept minutes April 13, 2021 made by Ms. Olsen; seconded by Mr. Delfin. All in favor.

Community Preservation Committee Report

- Ms. Gailes will speak at town meeting; Historical Commission members are encouraged to attend: Monday, June 7, 2021, 7PM, D-R Regional High School.
- Confirmed on town warrant: Articles 14 & 15.

Unfinished Business

1. *Boston Post Cane*
 - Ms. Nickerson makes a motion to contact Mr. Joseph Welch; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor. Ms. Gailes will contact Mr. William Welch, son.
 - The display case, donated by Bristol County Agricultural High School, will hold Boston Post Cane and Anderson Medals. Dighton Historical Society may provide items "on loan."
 - Ms. Nickerson feels the Historical Commission lacks specifics of the case; she offered to view the case.
 - Family of the late Mrs. Maria Barboza is available for ceremony in June.
2. *Community Garden plaque/marker*
 - Mr. Pacheco, Ms. Nickerson and Ms. Gailes attended a planning session at the future site.
 - Ms. Nickerson, Ms. Gailes & Mr. Delfin will research plaques and signs.
 - Ms. Nickerson noted the implied belief is 949 Somerset Avenue will be the future site of the library; the layout places garden beds East.
 - Mr. Pruitt notes that the land is approximately one-acre.
3. *Walking Tour Project*
 - Families and buildings of the Wharf District will be outlined in printed materials as determined by Ms. Gailes & Ms. Olsen.

Preservation Planning

1. House Marker Program

- Winslow-Davis House Marker will be unveiled Saturday, May 22, 2021, 11AM.
- Mr. Delfin will draft a letter outlining requirements for Historic Marker Program to send to the homeowners in our National Register Historic Districts.

No Public Input

New Business

1. Discuss Volunteer Application of Gayle Salve

- Ms. Salve has an interest in history, a desire to serve her town, of which she is a 21-year resident, and hopes to assist in historic buildings preservation.
- Ms. Olsen explains that Dighton Historical Commission is an advisory board; the board makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, which confirms/denies recommendations, including appointments.
- Ms. Salve's application will appear on the Selectmen's agenda May 26, 2021.
- Mr. Delfin makes a motion to recommend Ms. Salve for DHC; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.

* out of order*

FY21 Survey and Planning Grant

- Ms. Gailes & Mr. Delfin will attend a Zoom meeting with Massachusetts Historical Commission project coordinators involving contract requirements.
- John Guilford Public Relations has issued a press release. (see attached)

- 2. *Discuss/act on initial notification of demolition of 593 Williams Street*
- The 100 + year old property suffered tree damage; the owner wishes to demolish; utilities are disconnected. 593 Williams Street does not appear on MACRIS, nor an 1871 town map.
- 593 Williams Street might have been part of the Charles Marble Dairy Farm, which operated from 1880-1942; Ms. Olsen states that land has been sold off. Ms. Olsen says she will not invoke the 6-month delay.
- Ms. Nickerson makes a motion that 593 Williams Street does not have historical significance, based on research, and is not subject to a 6-month delay bylaw; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
- Ms. Gailes will send a letter to Building Commissioner, James Aguiar of the DHC vote regarding 593 Williams Street.

Correspondence

- ❖ Leeanne Kerwin, Administrative Assistant, announced a community outreach opportunity, organized by Kevin Smith, Dighton Parks & Recreation.

- ❖ The event is Saturday, July 10, 2021
- ❖ Police, Fire and non-profits are invited.
- ❖ Ms. Nickerson makes a motion to attend. Seconded by Mr. Delfin & Ms. Olsen. All in favor.
- ❖ Ms. Nickerson suggests polo shirts for DHC; pens to give out. Ms. Gailes will check with town accountant to determine funding eligibility.
- ❖ It is appropriate for the DHC table to display photos of Boston Post Cane, historic house markers and Historic District information.
- ❖ Ms. Olsen suggests extra copies of Anderson Medal ceremony program be available.

Adjournment

- Ms. Nickerson makes motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Olsen. All in favor. Adjourned: 8:02PM

Next Meetings: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela J. Nickerson, Clerk
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