

Dighton Historical Commission
1111 Somerset Ave
Hybrid Meeting- Old Town Hall and Zoom
April 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Secretary's Report
 - Minutes of March 12, 2024
Motion to accept the minutes of March 12, 2024 as submitted
 - Minutes of March 28, 2024
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4. Budget
 - FY 24 Balance and Expenses
No expenditures this month. The balance is \$579.09. Encumbered balance is \$260
 - FY 25 Budget
Presented FY 25 budget to the BOS and finance committee on March 28.
5. Unfinished Business
 - Review/Discuss/Act – Time Capsule –
Somerset Public Library has 2 time capsules in their local history room. Pictures
 - Review/Discuss/ Act - Preserving Memories of Dighton --Zach
 - Review/Discuss/Act –Walking Tour Pamphlet of Dighton's National Register Districts
Received some pictures from Bob at the yacht club. Shara – grant information
6. Preservation Planning
 - Review/Discuss/Act – Working Committee for Survey forms and recommendations
Committee met on March 28, 2024. School Street area form is Not recommended for listing on the National Register. Began review of Lincoln Ave – this area is also not recommended for listing. Opinion of the committee – Although the architectural integrity is diminished, the history of the people who lived and worked in these areas remains important to Dighton. Zach and Shara are developing a database of all homes included in our survey update for our review/use and for the Historical Marker program.
Next form to be reviewed – Brick Area form.
Next meeting – April 25 at 6pm at Police Station Conference Room.
 - Review/Discuss – CPC Application for Survey Update
I submitted the Application for funding \$3500 for the survey of 10 properties in West Dighton to the CPC. It was reviewed and approved on April 8 and will be on the town warrant for the June Annual Town meeting.
 - Review/Discuss/Act- Historical Marker Program
7. New Business
 - Representative on Sweets Knoll Interpretive Committee

As a follow up to the meeting Rafa and I attended, Simon Schreier Regional Interpretive Coordinator; South Region for DCR has asked for one representative from the DHC to be on the team for the ongoing process of developing interpretive materials. Rafa is interested in being the representative...anyone else
Motion to have Rafa Delphin as our representative to the DCR team for interpretive materials for Sweets Knoll.

8. Reports

- CPC report

CPC worked on warrant articles – one is the housekeeping article of CPC funding for FY25 which would include an estimate \$13,800 to be added to the Historical Reserves.

Besides our request for \$3,500, the Trails Committee project for Broad Cove Nature Trail was approved for \$62,500 to be placed on the warrant for annual town meeting.

- Library Building Committee

Met twice since our last meeting. Progress is being made with the work inside the building. Waiting on architect and project manager scopes and construction design plans. Will be beginning to order fixtures and furniture.

Stair design will be related to the picture of the hall in the 1912 Bicentennial book. At that time railings not required, need railings - will be designed like the porch balusters.

- America's 250th Anniversary

Met last night. Discussion held regarding state wide efforts to celebrate 250th. Events discussion included encampment/reenactments, reading of the Declaration of Independence, essay contest, listing of revolutionary soldiers, walk along the Bristol path, discussion with the Native Americans. Committee members volunteered to reach out to different civic groups. Discussion held on a logo, using social media to promote the 250th. Using the Commission's facebook page and town website page. Next meeting May 13 at 6:30pm.

9. Other

- Next Meeting Date – May 14, 2024 6pm

- Massachusetts History Alliance Conference – June 3, 2024 at Devens Conference Center. Theme is History is for Everyone. More details to follow.

10. Correspondence

Letter from MHC regarding Mt. Hope Finishing Company Village

11. Adjournment