

Present:

Mary Andrianopoulos, Bud Driver, Betty Hollingsworth, John Nove (chair), Ken Schoen, Jane Trigère

Absent: Henrietta Kocot

Guests: Bonita Conlon

Meeting called to order at 5:39

Clerk's Report: September meeting minutes. Moved by Ken; seconded by Bud; all approved.

Budget Report: No monies spent

Old Business

-Mary's status as a Commission member

Mary was accepted to the DHC by our Selectmen.

-updates on-going projects:

-Sugarloaf Cemetery fence

Jane reports: met with Doug who had not yet created a bid document. Had to go over entire project for him to understand what we want, what we have done already and what needs to be done. This is the third time I have had to do this. He sent me a 20 page document of which 4 pages needed my review for corrections. I gave them to him and he will produce a bid document and send it out. We decided to create various options for the bids in order to be able to maneuver and decide which to choose. By law, bids can't be split. For example, we cannot have one vendor make the posts and another supply the railings. Lots of discussion.

-Albany Road Cemetery restoration

Betty brought before and after pictures of Childs' Family stone restoration work and a Childs' family letter (by Christopher Harris) updating us on all the work completed by Kai Nalenz and thanking us. We need to eliminate the Childs' stones from our assessment for Old Albany Rd. cemetery which is our next project.

Letter arrived stating that Revolutionary War soldier, Joseph Stebbins will be honored on Oct 24 with a color guard and muskets and a pastor. The ceremony organized and will be conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. The event was cleared through the Deerfield Select Board, Police Dept. and other appropriate entities will be notified.

-Civil War Memorial

John expressed dismay that the DHC was not invited to the July meeting. We asked to be invited to the next one. They chose a date when John was not in town and no one else from the DHC was invited. At that second meeting, Francis Miller, the conservator was invited to participate. Kayce is in charge of the project now. DHC monies (roughly \$34.K of the \$39K. allotted will be used to ready the statue for the winter. Funds raised by DA will be used for the rest of the project. Proposal was made that we support the re-purposing of our funds but also remove ourselves from further involvement with the project.

New Business

-Jane has stepped down as Clerk. Many thanks to her for her work as clerk over the years. Mary will take over next month.

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-A new round of MHC matching grants for planning was announced. Without matching funds (other towns routinely use CPA funds or their budget for this --- we cannot). A corporate sponsor ?

-Work on the downtown walking tour has begun. A map will be created of the sites Shirley designated.

-Discussion on the fountain / Town Green was tabled

- Accountability Policy. Bud is actively working with Kayce to make this into a bylaw.

-October is Archaeology Month. Next year we should sponsor some event.

-Shirley's postcards. She insists they are a gift to the DHC.

Unforeseen matters arising

Betty announces her resignation. She cites health issues and her departure for 6 months to Florida. Bud moved to make her an emerita member of DHC in perpetuity. Ken seconds. Approved unanimously. Many thanks for her contributions.

Bonita Conlon will be sending an application letter to the Selectmen to be a DHC member filling the vacancy created by Betty's departure.

Betty moved to adjourn the meeting; Bud seconded. All agreed.

John closed the meeting at 7:20

Our next meeting will be Tuesday Nov.2, 2015 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigère, clerk