

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society
Meeting of June 28, 2018

Present: Jeff King, Dan Socha, Sally Aldrich, Donald & Katherine Plant, Richard Gifford, Pat Stringer, Ned and Elizabeth Newton, Robert Barboza, Robert Harding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting was made by Mrs. Plant, and seconded by Mr. Plant. The vote was 8-0-1, with Mr. Barboza abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Stringer reported a beginning balance of \$7,744.27 and income of \$3,524 for the month; with expenses totaling \$553.29, the ending balance was \$10,715.02. Mrs. Plant made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Mr. Plant; the vote was unanimous.
3. Membership Committee Report: Ms. Stringer indicated the membership files have been updated with renewed members.
4. Publicity Committee Report: Mr. Socha reported some new Facebook alerts sent to other area historical societies, and their members sharing or responding to those messages. One post got six shares and reached 1,700 people; another post generated one share and nine messages, but had a much lower reach. Mr. Barboza suggested some other social media options/strategies which might help extend reach of Facebook posts.
5. Program Report: Mr. Harding noted recent programs including Richard Cutler speaking and showing a documentary film on antique cars on June 10; the spring yard sale held on June 24; Robert Barboza lecture on local privateers on June 24; and plans for the July 1 picnic and Community Band concert at the schoolhouse. Upcoming events include Bob Frishman lecture on July 29, and a Pam Cole talk on places of worship on Sept. 2.
6. Education Committee Report: This item was passed over.
7. Research Report: Mr. Harding noted that the Delano Family research materials have been posted on the DHAS website; the members' recent genealogy talk was successful, netting several new memberships and some digital documents of family records donated to the society.
8. House, Refreshment Committee: Mrs. Plant reported business as usual in that department.
9. Old Business: Discussion continued on the Russells Mills house tour plans, with Mrs. Newton passing out a draft solicitation letter to homeowners on a list of possible tour participants. Mr. Harding volunteered to mail out the solicitations to the approved list; it was noted that four more house captain volunteers would be needed to cover the potential tour stops.
10. New Business: There was some discussion of the draft resolution thanking Allen Manley and his family for past caretaking duties at the schoolhouse. Mr. King made a motion to extend the family life membership in DHAS; seconded by Ms. Stringer, the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Plant suggested the society seek some quotes for regular lawn care, and was assigned that task.

Mr. Harding presented a draft form letter to thank people for their gifts to DHAS. After some discussion, Mr. Barboza made a motion to approve the letter as amended; seconded by Mr. Socha, the vote was unanimous. Mr. Socha mentioned the need to replace the lamp on the society's AV projector, at an estimated cost of \$146; Mr. King made a motion to have Mr. Socha procure the needed part and seek reimbursement, seconded by Mr. Barboza; the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Harding noted that the Dartmouth Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing on a demolition request for the old Barnabas Earle House on Smith Neck, and encouraged DHAS directors and members to attend. The commission is seeking to work with the owner to preserve the building.

11. Adjournment: Mrs. Plant made a motion at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; second by Mr. Plant; the vote was unanimous.