

**Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society**  
**ZOOM Meeting of Aug. 27, 2020**

Participating: Dan Socha, Robert Harding, Pat Stringer, Marion Ryall, Pam Cole, Kathy Plant, Jordan Berson, Richard Gifford, Sally Aldrich, Robert Barboza.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Harding. The minutes of the Nov. 7, 2019 and Dec. 7, 2019 meetings were reviewed, with a motion to approve as submitted coming from Kathy Plant, seconded by Richard Gifford. The vote was 8-0-1 in favor, with Robert Barboza abstaining. Mr. Barboza indicated that he has the Jan. 30, 2020 meeting notes and will deliver them before the next meeting.

Treasurer's Reports: Kathy Plant provided the treasurer's report dated June 30, 2020 from the last meeting; Pat Stringer provided the report dated July 31, 2020 showing a beginning balance of \$40,636.15 plus income of \$115 and expenses totaling \$3,105.24 for an ending balance of \$37,646.35. KP made a motion to accept the July report, seconded by Dan Socha; the vote was 9-0 in favor.

Membership Committee Report: None. Publicity Committee Report: No news

Program Committee Report: Pam Cole asked if anyone was considering using ZOOM meetings for the suspended lecture series; she noted a payment of \$14.95 provides unlimited "meeting time" and up to 100 sign-in participants. Pam and Dan Socha will discuss the possibilities of using ZOOM for talks and/or the annual meeting in October and report back to the board.

Research Committee Report: Dan Socha provided an update on the Dartmouth Friends Records Project. The vendor is 88 percent complete with their transcription work, but only 26.4 percent of the files have been reviewed; there is still a need for more reviewers, and efforts continue to recruit some. He noted there is \$8,597 remaining in project funds, and indicated some money will be left over when the work is done. Bob Harding reported that he is working on a reader guide to the Friends Meeting minutes, including terms used and explanations of actions, along with some notes on the Friends' influence on town history. He indicated he has been working with a historical researcher on the interaction of Dartmouth Quakers with Friends Meetings in New Jersey; the effort may produce a publication of local interest.

New Business: A groundskeeper has been found for the schoolhouse, and arrangements need to be made for payments. Bob Harding noted the passing of UMass Amherst special collections curator Robert Cox, with condolences to be sent from the society; he also reported on conversations with the DNRT director on possible ways to support continuing agricultural operations in the Russells Mills neighborhood in light of the Manleys' retirement.

Kathy Plant reported on conversations with a woman who has considerable Round Hill memorabilia, valued in the thousands of dollars, which she is seeking to sell. Jordan said he was willing to broker a meeting with the Whaling Museum librarian to see if there is any interest in purchasing the material. Bob Harding noted the Berkley Historical Society is seeking information on the DHAS lease of the schoolhouse, as they are proposing a similar arrangement for using an old school in that town. Kathy Plant made a motion that Mr. Harding be allowed to share the DHAS agreement, seconded by Jordan Berson, and passed on a 9-0 vote.

With no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.