

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society  
Board Meeting of April 25, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Robert Harding with the following present: Jeff King, Marian Ryall, Katherine Plant, Dan Socha, Jordan Berson, and Sally Aldrich. The meeting was held at the North Dartmouth branch of the Dartmouth Public Libraries due to the DHS art show concurrently being held at the Russells Mills Schoolhouse, our normal venue.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March meeting were passed over. In the absence of Secretary Robert Barboza, Sally Aldrich took the minutes of tonight's meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy Plant gave the Treasurer's report for Pat Stringer. The beginning balance was \$17,857. We received income from program lectures and membership dues. After utility expenses, the current balance on hand is \$17,598. The report was accepted.

WEBSITE: Dan Socha explained the new website organization, including the You Tube channel and the new Map Room zoom feature. A core group "follows" DHAS on Facebook and consults our website. The Mail Chimp total is 277.

There was no Education report. Work in progress includes signage outside the schoolhouse (Bob Harding), plaques inside (Marian Ryall), house tour thank-you's (Kathy Plant) and Nancy Manley letter for the fireplace equipment loan. The Saltworks paintings are "still wrapped" upstairs. Jeff King is working on methods to hang pictures in the schoolhouse without marring the walls. Kathy Plant announced tentative Saturday yard sale dates of June 22, July 20, and August 24 (we take a \$10 donation for a 10' space to be used by a seller). The Dartmouth Community Band July 4th concert is scheduled for Sunday, June 30.

LAWN MOWING: The Board ratified unanimously the VOTE recently taken by email to pay the young man who takes care of Alderbrook's grounds the sum of \$20 each time he mows the lawn for us at the schoolhouse this summer.

PROGRAMS: Richard Gifford gave his talk on the Gifford family on April 7. The Dartmouth High School AP Art Class Exhibition is being well-attended and runs today and tomorrow. Next up, on May 5 at the Dartmouth Grange, is Maureen Taylor's "The Last Muster," Revolutionary War Veterans' photographs. It is sponsored by Dartmouth Heritage Preservation Trust, rather than us, and there will be no videotaping allowed. It was agreed to move our programs to a 6:30 p.m. start after Bob Frishman's program on cars and clocks on June 2. Topics for future programs continue to be explored. Sally Aldrich will inquire about the possible use of the Southworth Library common room by DHAS if we have a program that has special requirements such as the need for an internet connection (there is none at the schoolhouse).

RESEARCH: Bob Harding spoke at length about his work transcribing 95 pages of "removals" in the Quaker Meeting records and passed around the sample of his work. The particular protocol for transcribing records has already been set up by a committee of Bob, Dan Socha, Richard Gifford and

Burney Gifford. This "Apponegansett Project" will require a special Fundraising Committee and we are still looking for someone to head it up. We can use work that has already been done to generate public awareness and lead into the fundraising and grant writing aspects of the project. Several people have volunteered to proof-read.

MARTHA LEONARD ARTIFACTS: These are currently in storage at the schoolhouse. Jordan Berson estimates that the New Bedford Whaling Museum will take about 10% of the items (Martha's preference). Of the 90% remainder, he suggests that DHAS may wish to retain some items for schoolhouse display, offer some (with provenance) to other local historical societies, and use Frank McNamee of Marion Antiques to auction off the rest. Some are valuable and some are not.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously  
VOTED: to authorize Jordan Berson to separate items going to the NB Whaling Museum from the remainder, and for him to advise DHAS on the disposition of the remainder of the Martha Leonard artifacts.

ENERGY CONSERVATION: Bob Harding reported that he had attended a preservation conference in Rhode Island about window inserts that would pay for themselves over time with energy conservation. He will show us brochures at a future meeting. As this would be a permanent installation, we would need Town permission if we decide to go ahead.

VOTED to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Aldrich