

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society
Board Meeting of July 30, 2020
HELD VIA ZOOM

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Robert Harding. The following attended: Bob Harding, Dan Socha, Enid Silva, Susan Guiducci, Jordan Berson, Richard Gifford, Katherine and Don Plant, Marian Ryall, and Sally Aldrich.

In the absence of the Secretary, Sally took the minutes. There was no Treasurer's report.

Asked about the status of membership, Enid said that in September we should probably send out an email reminder to renew since there are currently no programs being held at the schoolhouse. Bob H. may do some additional publicity to promote our current projects.

Discussion ensued about holding our Annual Meeting in October via Zoom, and potentially inviting a young man from Univ. of PA who is writing a book on Quakerism to be our speaker. Another idea was a possible collaboration with Rochester Historical Society.

On the Quaker research project, Dan reported that it started 13 months ago in July 2019. Eighty percent of images have been transcribed, of which 30% have been reviewed and qualified. This means about 24% completion. Dan announced that he has taken the Quaker Donation page off the website because it appears we will have \$4-5,000 left over. Since the money was specifically donated to the project, we can communicate any ideas we have for its use via emails, but there is no hurry.

On the state of the schoolhouse yard, Don said he happened by recently and saw Jeff King working on the yard, for which he should be thanked, but Jeff does not want to be a permanent volunteer. Also, sometimes Allan Manley helps out with it. Sue has found a young man, Austin Russell, who will mow for \$30 a week on an "as needed" basis. Enid made a motion, seconded by Don to approve this arrangement, and the motion passed unanimously.

With regard to the barn swallow nest whose occupants are messing up the front stairs, it was agreed that at some point, the matter will need to be addressed and a solution found.

The passing of Horace Wildes at age 102 was acknowledged with sorrow by the Board. Don and Kathy were thanked for alerting us. Dan put the obituary on our Facebook page. Bob noted that we have a lot of material on Horace up on our website. Richard said he was a descendant of Peleg Burroughs.

Kathy raised the possibility of holding a yard sale outside the schoolhouse. Enid will check with the town select board concerning COVID restrictions and let Kathy know.

The Zoom meeting closed by unanimous consent at 7:00 pm when our free session time ran out.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Aldrich