

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee

Douro Library Building, Douro Ontario Oct. 14, 2021 Thursday 7:00 PM

Present – Judy Bryan Margie Morrissey Roberta Thompson
 Mike Towns Shelagh Landsman Ruth Benson
 Annette Dunford

Regrets – Amie Brock

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was opened by chair Margie Morrissey who welcomed everyone, minutes from previous meeting January 16, 2021 were adopted as read.

Moved: Judy Bryan, Seconded: Ruth Benson.

Carried.

Minutes

Log Books are updated on the website to say \$30 now, it was \$25 on website, now verified to be corrected.

Limestone Kiln – Weity Hamersma is done working on it for this year. To this point there has been approximately \$58,000 spent on this project. The council is asking how much longer this project will be taking place. And the approximate cost to complete. There is also a tremendous assumed cost to complete landscaping once this project is completed. It is suggested that our township staff could do the landscaping as needed, rather than to hire it out.

Historical Committee does not seem to be on the Township website. Margie to ask Martina about this, however after navigating on this site for some time, Shelagh found it under Council heading, cleverly tucked away.

Budget for 2021

Kiln - \$10,000

Advertising - \$100

Log Books - \$250

Materials - \$150

Log Buildings – Amie Brock was to speak to someone regarding the logs, however Amie was absent for this meeting, Margie will talk to her and see if she had anything to add.

Pennant from McCracken's Landing was given to Shelagh by Jeanine Skead (former owner of Choate's Store) It will be added to archives.

Judy Bryan was given several antique calendars, from local stores Douro, Warsaw, Norwood etc. They will be put in the display case with some explanations.

It is noted that there should be some type of indexing or cataloguing of the items and articles in the vault at this library. So it is suggested that Martina has a student who is studying Archival Studies that the township will hire to assume this role. Minutes prior to 1975 are in this vault here, the remainder is at Warsaw Town Hall.

Some materials had gotten wet in the basement, and were thrown out, sadly no one seems to know what exactly was tossed. Sadly these historical articles may have been valuable.

Douro Arena opened in December 1981.

Shelagh let us know someone has requested that items in the display case need more explanations and facts about what is being displayed.

Shelagh had been asked by Heather Watson about council minute books over the years.

Council photos over the years were discussed, there are still some in Douro, I believe the remaining are in Warsaw in Council chambers on shelves. It was suggested they be put into a photo album, rather than on the wall as they are all different sizes, and there are a great number of them.

Mike Towns offered some of the Douro Township Treasure papers that were in Towns' Store vault when his Grandpa P.G. Towns was the treasurer in the 1870's. Some have been indexed but not all of them.

Mini Dwyer ran that Telephone Office which is beside Mike Towns' present house.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Moved: Shelagh Landsman Seconded: Judy Bryan.

Next meeting will take place November 18th, 2021 Thursday at Douro Library 7:00 PM