

Brookline Historical Society Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2015 Draft

Members Present: Cynthia Nau, Jack Greene, Doug Wellman

Others Present: None

Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:30 and welcomed our new member, Jack Greene. She then described the history of the Historical Committee and our primary purpose of overseeing the Round Schoolhouse.

Organization: After a brief discussion Doug motioned that Cynthia be appointed Chair, Jack Vice-Chair, and himself Secretary. The motion was seconded by Cynthia and all voted in favor.

Old Business:

- The condition of building was surveyed. Overall the condition of the building is good. The ridgecap on the shed is the only major issue; it appears that more sections of it have recently fallen off. The shed also needs to have some siding replaced and the wall restoration work started a few years ago completed. Inside the main structure the area where the stovepipe exited needs to be covered.
- Cynthia stated that she has some exhibits and other items stored at her house since the schoolhouse has no climate control. She is will to keep them there.

New Business:

- There is \$5,000 remaining on the restoration of grant. To receive these monies we will be required to submit a proposal to the Field Preservation Trust of Vermont. Funding for the item listed above in condition will be applied for. Cynthia will inquire if the ridge cap can be replaced with the metal on offered to the town by David Parker, Jr.
- Cynthia asked if there was any interest in setting up a booth at the Newfane History Fair. After a short discussion it was determined we did not have the manpower to staff it at short notice.
- The committee decides that we will have an open house Columbus Day weekend. Hours and staffing will be determined at the next meeting.
- Cynthia stated that the committee should consider expanding its scope to other areas of historical significance to the Town.
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Meeting Schedule: The committee determined that quarterly meetings should be sufficient unless some special need arises. Meetings will be the third Thursday in February, May, August, and November. The next meeting will be August 20th at 6:30 PM in the Round Schoolhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted
Douglas Wellman