

Brookline Historical Society Minutes
May 30, 2018

Present: Cynthia Nau, Jack Greene, Doug Wellman

6:30pm: The meeting was called to order by Cynthia.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting (sometime in 2016?) were not available.

Organization:

- Cynthia Nau was nominated to Chair the Historical Society.
- Doug Wellman was nominated as Secretary. Seconded and all voted in favor.

New Business:

- The primary purpose was to discuss a request from the Selectboard on use of monies designated as Historical Society/Round Schoolhouse toward removal of the large ash tree on the north side of the building. None of the group members were aware that any designated funds were available. It is now our understanding that over \$5,000 is in the Town accounts and designated for the Historical Society. Other than the recent donation by the Meyer family and small donations in the can at open houses board members cannot be certain of the origin of these funds. Doug volunteered to do some research and his findings will be added as an attachment to these minutes and report to the other members prior to next week's Selectboard meeting. Jack motioned that "If there are funds that can be used towards tree removal, the Historical Society would recommend that the Selectboard authorize \$1,000 from this reserve for tree removal". Seconded and all voted in favor.
- Use of the donation from the Meyer family. Doug recommended the donation be used for some period representative furniture for the schoolhouse. He will do some research on what is available and potential costs to present to the next meeting.
- Doug recommended that the group develop an inventory of items that the town owns and that are under the care of the Historical Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

Next meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled at a future date and properly warned.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Wellman, Clerk

Potential sources of the funds identified for the Historical Society/Round Schoolhouse

2004 Town Meeting: \$6,000 approved for “restoration” (article 14). **Restricted funds**

2006 Town Meeting: \$1,000 approved for “matching funds for roof and structure grant” (article e 13).
Restricted funds

2007 Town Meeting: \$15,000 approved for “restoration” (article 16). **Restricted funds**

Small donations to can during open houses or in Town Clerks office, or in donations sent directly to the town for this purpose. **Unrestricted use at the discretion of the Selectboard**