

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023, 4:00 PM @ BMH

Meeting purpose: Brookline/Athens MH Collaboration

Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Julia Duke, Dot Maggio, Dan Towler

Guests present: Sherry Maher and Pam Russo of Athens MH Committee

Members introduced themselves to each other; Lee Anne & Julia supplied refreshments.

- Athens has received a VDHP grant for storm windows to cover recently restored windows, supporting & leveling floor, and a moisture barrier in the crawl space to inhibit mold; Brookline building improvement plans for this summer were discussed, including our assessment by JAS Workshop beginning with May 24 visit by Jon Soccoccio of JAS Workshop in Brattleboro.
- LAP agreed to share our year-end fund-raising letter with Athens group.
- LAP mentioned an upcoming event sponsored by PTV in Strafford (about 20 mi. North of White River Jct.) on June 6 about village revival; space limited to 100; cost \$25 per person; registration deadline May 22. To be discussed further by both groups.
- Committees both holding plant sales on Sat. May 27; each will have the other's flyer and promote attendance at both.
- A project to "Play Every Town" in Vermont (on piano) over the next 5 years by UVM music professor David Feurzeig was brought up, hoping both meetinghouses can sponsor a visit.
- Sherry mentioned her group has been in contact with Roger Allbee about giving a talk at Athens MH on the history of farming in the area; both groups could sponsor.
- Brookline's Town Party on July 22 was brought up and Athens Committee invited.
- Athens group mentioned the variety and popularity of music events they've had; they agreed to contact Laurie Indenbaum (who performed at our Welcome Ctr fund-raiser) to see if she can get some musicians together who might be interested in playing at one or both Meetinghouses.
- Possibility was raised of a jointly sponsored garden tour featuring gardens in both towns; dates discussed, possibly Sat. June 17. People who could host will have to be identified and contacted.
- Possibility of a quilt show was raised; no decisions made.

All agreed the discussions were productive, and to stay in touch regarding spring and summer events, progress in various areas, and possible collaborations.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Towler

