

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 6:00 PM @ BMH

Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Dan Towler, Kerry Bourne, Dot Maggio

LAP called the meeting to order at about 6:10.

Draft minutes from our last meeting, Sept. 14, 2021, were unanimously accepted without amendment.

Our last open house of the season on Sat., Oct. 2, 2021 drew a smaller than expected, but enthusiastic crowd. The church bell was rung at 12:00 noon in celebration of the Brookline Baptist Church's acceptance on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Brattleboro *Reformer* printed an article written by DT which ran on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, announcing the National Register listing.

DT will work on a grant application for a bronze plaque for the BMH, in addition to one for the Round Schoolhouse.

LAP has compiled a list of recent donors which can be posted in the Meetinghouse in recognition of the support we have received from the community this year.

LAP has written a card for Mike Staats thanking him for the new sign he created and put up.

LAP has been working on a thorough cleaning of the kitchen and improving organization and storage of useful items. House-keeping of this nature will continue through the winter.

DT will dispose of numerous unwanted items at the transfer station in Brattleboro.

We now have a lock box with a numerical code to hold the entrance key to the building.

The Select Board has approved the expenditure of \$3,063.78 for the purchase of storm windows from Continental Screen & Glass of Newfane for three of the 20-over-20 windows on the north side of the brick portion of the building and 6 storm windows for the north and south sides of the meeting room in the annex. A check for 50% of the cost has been issued and will be mailed shortly. It is expected that these can be installed before the end of 2021.

KB has almost completed restoration of two sashes from the meeting room windows which were in bad shape. He will submit an invoice when the work is done.

DM initiated a brief discussion of ARPA funds available to Brookline. It was hoped that Wi Fi capability could be made available for the BMH, but as it would cost a monthly fee, it was deemed not to be worth pursuing at this time.

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BMH Committee is in agreement to send out an end-of-the-year appeal to residents of Brookline and possibly Newfane, reviewing our current status, recent progress and work remaining. DM will research postal rates and use of address lists. LAP will check our inventory of envelopes from past mailings.

Our next fund-raising venture will be a wreath-making project, to take place in November. LAP and KB will collaborate on procurement of supplies and logistics of wreath making.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 6:00 PM @ BMH.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Towler