

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, June 24, 2021, 6:00 PM @ BMH

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

LAP brought the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Minutes of 6/3/21 meeting were approved as written.

Nothing new to report on new sign for the front of the building, which is being worked on.

Brief discussion of sign designating National Register status, which we should hear more about within the next day or two.

LAP still working on list of facebook contacts who have expressed interest in BMH.

First Open House of the season on June 5 went well. Several people came by who may be interested in helping us in one way or another. Next Open House will be Saturday, July 3.

Our visit to the Athens Meetinghouse on June 21 was reviewed for those not present.

We were hosted there by Sherry Maher, Ginger Maciejowski, Pam Russo of the Athens MH Committee, and Nancy Perkins from Wardsboro also came. We learned a lot about their building, the challenges they have faced and successes they've had, and spent some time brain-storming about fund-raising events that we could hold jointly or collaborate on. There was interest in scheduling group meetings quarterly. LAP will check with Windham County Historical Society about us having adjoining tables at the Aug. 14 History Fair in Newfane so continued discussions can be had.. Their annual plant sale on Memorial Day weekend was very successful (~\$1200) despite miserable weather. They are willing to help us plan our own plant sale that same weekend next year. Memorial Saturday seems to be the weekend these sales are done in our area.

A table at the Vermont Welcome Center offering sandwiches and snacks for a donation to the Meetinghouse (as we have done in the past) was discussed, but was nixed for now due to the investment of time and money involved and our too-short list of volunteers. LAP will check with UNFI (United Natural Foods) to see if we could get donated or discounted snacks for possible use at the Welcome Center or our open houses. LAP will report back next meeting.

LAP spoke with window restoration expert Jack Cadwell from Warwick, MA about repairing one of the sashes in the BMH meeting room. He recommended Allied Window in Cincinnati for custom large storm windows for 20-over-20 and 12-over-12 windows in the sanctuary.

DT will contact them.

KB spoke with Mitch Momaney who recommended a wood-working shop in the Estey complex in Brattleboro for sash restoration. LAP or KB will try to locate the guy there.

KB has begun repairing cracks in plaster walls in the meeting room.

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DT spoke with Jesse Corbeil of All Around Appliance Services, who recommends that we purchase new gas stoves instead of trying to restore either of the old ones we have. Discussion will continue on what to do with the old ones and timetable for replacement.

Issue # 2 of NewBrook Newsletter (for July-August-September 2021) is out with a second write-up about the Meetinghouse by DT.

Brief discussion of the need to recruit new members for the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM at BMH.