

## **BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 6:00 PM @ Brookline Meetinghouse

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

LAP brought the meeting to order at 6:07.

Draft minutes of Aug. 11 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor edits.

LAP moved to accept, DM second, so voted.

DT gave a brief presentation via Zoom call to the Selectboard at their Aug. 19 meeting on the Committee's interest in pursuing National Register of Historic Places status for the MH and hiring consultant Paula Sagerman to prepare and submit the registration forms.

The SB approved our request, and Ms. Sagerman has prepared a scope of work and contract, which has been signed by her and LAP on Aug. 24, 2020.

Rick Perkins came to the BMH on Aug. 14 and met with DM and DT to discuss the feasibility of adding a Rinnai propane heater to the meeting room in the annex to replace the two old space heaters, and the feasibility of getting the newer of the two gas stoves in the kitchen to work. He said he would have to run new gas lines to both appliances, and that the Rinnai would have to be situated in the northwest corner of the meeting room on the wall adjoining the sanctuary because of the large windows along the north wall, but he didn't think this placement would affect its ability to heat the room. It could still be vented out the north wall and there is electricity nearby which could be tapped into for the necessary outlet.

We would need to contract with a propane supplier for a larger capacity tank (or two tanks) and they should be closer to the corner of the building where the Rinnai will be.

He emailed an estimate on Aug. 21 for \$3,400 for the heater and necessary labor and materials for the above-described work. The Committee voted unanimously to accept his proposal and to request approval from the Selectboard at their meeting on Sept. 16.

BMC agreed to keep both existing kitchen ranges and both vintage refrigerators (which have been tested and found to work) for now.

BMC discussed next steps regarding building restoration and fund-raising. LAP will begin work on VT Div. for Historic Preservation matching grant -- which has an October deadline -- which could help us complete steeple repair and painting, with the annex foundation likely being our next major fund-raising challenge.

There was brief discussion of possible donation or rental of the MH for community events or other public uses, or to organizations that need space. No decisions were made.

BMC looks forward to being able to host fund-raising events and other gatherings in the building in 2021 assuming Covid-19 allows such activities.

DM moved to adjourn @ 7:13 PM, LAP second, so voted.

Next meeting scheduled for Wed. Sept. 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Towler