

## **BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020, 6:00 PM @ Brookline Meetinghouse

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

LAP brought the meeting to order at 6:09 PM

Lee Anne reported that the VT Div. for Historic Preservation grant has been submitted, asking for \$8,500 towards the completion of rehabilitation of the steeple and bell tower.

We expect to hear whether we will receive any funds sometime in Dec.

There are no other grant opportunities we are currently pursuing for this year.

Paula Sagerman is continuing with her research towards our National Register nomination application. She has shared some findings from her research with the Committee -- including records of meetings of the "First Union Society" in Brookline beginning in 1836 which led to the construction of the Meetinghouse. We hope to learn more from the research she is doing.

Rick Perkins came to the MH on Sept. 24 to install a Rinnai in the annex meeting room, but realized when he got it out of the box that he did not have materials to complete the vent with the heater in its proposed location. Current versions of the Rinnai only vent out one side and not the other, which was new to Rick. Members debated pros and cons of relocating the heater to the south wall instead of the north wall, and decided to stick with the original plan, which will now require some exposed venting. Location of new gas lines and location of vent in relation to windows, exterior trim & clapboards was also discussed. DT will get back to Rick with the Committee's decision and arrange for another visit to install.

Committee will request that Rick connect gas line to the newer of the two old kitchen stoves and see if it can be made to work, at least temporarily. Consensus is that we will need a new stove once we have a kitchen that is used frequently.

Sign discussion -- DT showed members possible design for new "Brookline Meetinghouse" sign to replace the "Historic Brookline Church" sign in front of the building. Gary Lavorgna has donated a piece of signboard left from the construction of the original sign, and the existing 4 X 4" posts can be reused, though they need a new paint job.

Committee decided to contact Mike Staats and see if he is interested in doing lettering on the new sign. DT will call him.

DT also unveiled a proposed 12" X 18" sign to be hung on the front of the building with date of construction, date of town ownership, etc. This could be inexpensively printed on plastic signboard or painted on wood. We will solicit Mike's advice. Will need to make sure all available historic records are checked to assure accuracy of any information or dates.

LAP has heard from Erica Walch of Moore Free Library asking if any committee members are interested in participating in the "Community Memory Project" being undertaken by the library. Dot said she would urge her sister Theresa to get in touch with Erica.

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LAP and Dot met with Cindy Levine who does the website for MFL to see if she could help us improve our on-line presence, and specifically to add a "Donate" button to our facebook page. LAP will contact David Jones of the SB to find out the logistics of doing that, and she will also continue working to keep our page updated.

DM moved to adjourn @ 7:25 PM, LAP seconded, so voted.  
Next meeting was set for Tues. Oct. 20 @ 6:00 PM @ the Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Towler