

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6:00 PM, Brookline Town Office

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

Lee Anne brought the meeting to order at 6:03.

Minutes from our last two meetings on November 2 and November 29 were reviewed.

LAP moved to accept the Nov. 2 minutes as written, DM seconded the motion, all were in favor.

LAP moved to accept Nov. 29 minutes, DM second, all were in favor.

The 6" X 9" end-of-the-year fund-raising card prepared by LAP and DT was recently sent out to all residents of Brookline and Newfane, including Williamsville. Minuteman Press in Brattleboro did the printing – of 1,030 cards to be mailed and 50 extra – and delivered the cards to the Post Office. Printing cost was \$325. plus \$242.75 for postage.

Invoice for printing and reimbursement to DT who paid for the postage have been submitted to the Select Board.

KB noted he has not been paid for the invoice he submitted in November for window work.

The mailing has garnered 7 responses so far just in the last two days, and we have received \$920 in donations towards ongoing Meetinghouse restoration plans.

There was discussion of how Howard Cutler's pledge to match donations received up to \$10,000 will be handled. **LAP will keep Mr. Cutler informed of contributions received and our plans as they develop to utilize these funds.**

Completion of restoration of the bell tower will be our focus for 2022. Bids previously received for flashing, siding and trim repair, and painting which were all from late 2019 and early 2020 were reviewed. **KB and LAP will work up a new scope of work for the project** and it will be put out to bid again. The goal is to solicit bids by the end of January, 2022, so we can finalize a plan to complete this work this summer.

There was discussion of Bruce Mello's quote from Estate Wildlife Control and how and when to address bat exclusion. Since the planned belfry work will include sealing of areas where bats are likely getting in, it was decided to revisit the bat issue after that work has been done.

LAP and KB will work on a priority list for future projects, the most pressing being repair to the foundation of the 1890's addition. This is the only major item remaining undone from Jan Lewandowski's 2014 building assessment.

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Peter Meyer has set up spot lights to illuminate the building for the holiday season, as he has done each year. **KB will contact him with the combination to the key lock-box** so he can have access to the building as needed.

DM will make sure Suzy's Day Care next door is given the combination also for emergency purposes.

LAP made wreaths for the two front doors. DT bought a string of lights to wrap around the new sign post, along with a timer and extension cord.

LAP will clean up and put away any paper materials and other stuff left out from open houses.

Next meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

7:30 PM – DM moved to adjourn, LAP second, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Towler