

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 @ Brookline Town Office, 5:00 PM

Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Dot Maggio, Dan Towler, Stuart Duke, Julia Duke

LAP called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Minutes of our last meeting on Feb. 6, as submitted by JD, were reviewed. A couple of minor corrections were noted. DT will send those to JD so she can post amended version.

Motion to approve as amended by SD, seconded by DM, all were in favor.

All members agreed to be reappointed for one year. LAP agreed to serve as chair for another year, with no objections from members.

Discussion of BMH survey responses – 37 copies have been received, inc. 26 completed on-line. SD has been collating responses and reviewed those received to date with members. Discussion to be continued as more completed surveys are received. Suggestion was made to continue reaching out to townspeople encouraging participation.

The Committee has heard from Jenna L. at the Preservation Trust of VT that we were awarded \$500 (to be matched by us) to pay for a professional building assessment. PTV has selected Jon Soccoccio of JAS Workshop in Brattleboro to do the assessment.

DT will contact him and schedule a visit to get acquainted and review our progress and priorities for the future of the BMH.

LAP will ask about our half of the payment and whether a letter of approval from PTV has been sent or will be sent.

LAP reviewed communications from Howard Cutler about his ideas for the July town party, his plans for providing musical entertainment, etc.

Committee agreed to hold a **special meeting on Monday, April 3 @ 3:00 PM** with the sole agenda item being planning for the town party. To be discussed – food & drink to be offered, our storage capacity for same, electrical needs & capacity, other musical performers, other activities, etc. etc.

Committee agreed to schedule a **meeting Thursday, April 13 @ 4:00 PM with the Athens MH Committee** to discuss possible areas of collaboration for this summer.

LAP has informed them we are not interested in another Welcome Center fund-raiser this year.

DT has contacted and heard back from Allied Window regarding 11 storm windows ordered in December. Their sales guy says our windows are “on the schedule” for delivery the week of April 24, but they are running about 6 weeks behind schedule, which would put us into the first week of June. DT will inform Kerry of this information.

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Subject of applying for a grant to cover the cost of a plaque for the BMH denoting National Register status was revisited. DT has researched the grant info and cost of a plaque without the grant and was prepared to review this info with members, but discussion was tabled until a future meeting due to time constraints.

Discussion was also held about a plaque to be displayed in the foyer of the BMH thanking individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to the building restoration. Point was made that we need to be careful to include everybody that belongs on the plaque, and that it needs to be able to be easily added to with overlooked or future donors. LAP will research types of plaques, possible sources, and cost.

BMH Committee submitted a brief report of our activities (written by LAP) to be included in the Town Report. DM brought up ongoing discussions among the Select Board about use of Town's share of ARPA funds. The Board will be asked to approve the Town's \$15K match for this year's foundation repair to come from ARPA monies.

There was brief discussion of Kerry's suggested start date for the foundation work of October, with concern that this leaves enough time for completion in Fall, 2023. This will be discussed and confirmed with KB.

LAP and JD are working up plans for May 27 plant sale. The idea of a donated tree or shrub to be raffled off as a fund-raiser was discussed.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned by popular demand @ 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Towler