

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 6:00 PM @ BMH

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

LAP called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Minutes of 7/22/21 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

LAP reported that we have approx. \$27,000 on hand in the Meetinghouse Building Fund.

An estimate for storm windows for the BMH from Continental Screen & Glass in Newfane was reviewed and discussed. There remains confusion about the relative prices of the three different sizes of windows. Consensus is to focus for now on the six 20-over-20 windows on the sides of the building, which Continental proposes to supply for just under \$3,000.

- KB will check with Ken Robinson at Continental to get an explanation of the estimate and find out which large buildings in the area they have installed storm windows on so we can see them.

Discussion of sashes that need repair and refurbishing in the vestry addition. LAP has spoken with John Latronica of Brattleboro who had indicated he may be able to help us.

- LAP will talk to him again and find out if he would consider repairing them and what his rate would be if we removed sashes and delivered them to his shop, beginning with the two in worst condition.

Discussion of a replacement gas stove for the kitchen. LAP and DT have visited Cocoplum Appliance in Brattleboro and seen floor models they have available. Consensus was to purchase the Frigidaire one they have for approx. \$649. We have funds in hand that have been donated for this specific reason.

- DT will contact Cocoplum and arrange for purchase and delivery.

Discussion of National Register plaque was tabled because we do not yet have final word on our approval and Dot M. was going to report back on plaque options and possible grant available to purchase one from Wm. G. Pomeroy Foundation.

DT purchased a package of 16 ceiling tiles for \$116.63 from Home Depot in Keene on 8/2/21 and replaced the 8 worst ones in the meeting room.

LAP spoke with Myles Danaher, who has a floor refinishing business, about sanding and refinishing wood floors in the annex meeting room. He charges \$4.50/SF, which would mean the room would cost approx. \$3,000. It was agreed no action will be taken at this time.

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Discussion of the Open House on Saturday, August 7, at which \$86 in donations was raised. June-July-August open houses have each drawn enthusiastic residents of Brookline and surrounding towns in to see the building, and many fruitful conversations have been had, important contacts made, and a level of support and interest in the BMH that has exceeded our expectations. The next one will be Sept. 4 of Labor Day weekend.

Windham County History Fair coming up Sat. August 14, 9 AM - 4 PM.

- DT has secured permission from Friends of MFL to borrow their pop-up tent. He will confirm with the Lavgornas and make arrangements.
- LAP will put together materials for display and sale at our table, and will arrive early Sat. to set up, hopefully with help from KB and DM.
- DT will arrive mid-morning to spell LAP and DM at the table.

Project lists will wait for another meeting.

Members agreed to postpone application to VT Div. for Historic Preservation for grant funds until next year. Deadline of Oct. 4 is too soon for the amount of work required.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Towler