

## **BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 (rescheduled from Aug. 4) @ Meetinghouse grounds

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

Invited guests: Paula Sagerman, historic preservation consultant

LA brought the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

LA moved to accept the minutes of our last meeting July 7 with a couple of minor corrections; DM second; so voted

LA announced that we are the recipients of a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from Windham Foundation, which was to go towards steeple painting and flashing repair. As our estimates for this work are in the range of \$22,000 - \$26,000, we will continue to explore fundraising options to complete this project.

KB was able to locate an old sash with pre-WWII glass and had an 8 X 10 pane cut at WW, so the window repair is underway.

Dot reported that with much effort she was able to reach Rick Perkins to get a quote for a Rinnai heater for the Meetinghouse annex, and he is scheduled to visit the MH this Friday to look at the space and give us his assessment.

DT reported on his conversations with Good Time Stove Co. in Goshen, MA which restores antique stoves. DT sent them photos of our 1930's era gas stove -- Estate Fresh Air Oven -- and they were impressed with its apparent condition and deemed it well worth restoring and bringing up to code so it can continue to be used. Their fee for that would be \$3,800 - \$4,800. BMC will continue to explore options for repairing and/or replacing one or both of our vintage kitchen ranges, in addition to the two vintage refrigerators, so that the kitchen can be fully functional once again.

Paula Sagerman, historic preservation consultant from Hinsdale, NH, with whom DT has been in contact and who has offered to attend one of our meetings, was introduced to the committee. She is familiar with our building and would assist us in applying for National Historic Register status for the Meetinghouse. The benefits of such a designation were discussed and BMC agreed to present a proposal to proceed with an application to the Selectboard at their next meeting Aug. 19.

BMC agreed to meet again in 2 weeks to follow up with various topics.

Next meeting: Tues. Aug. 25 at 6:00 PM on the grounds of the Meetinghouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02; LA moved, KB second, so voted.