

## **BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: Wed., September 9, 2020, 6:00 PM @ Meetinghouse  
Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Kerry Bourne, Dan Towler, Dot Maggio

LAP brought the meeting to order at 6:09

Draft minutes of last meeting Aug. 25 were accepted as written, DM moved, LAP second, so voted.

Brief discussion of looking for a temporary ramp to provide access to the building should it be needed prior to a more permanent ADA-compliant installation. Decision tabled for now.

Rick Perkins scheduled to install Rinnai heater Sept. 24. Selectboard will consider approval of the expense at their Sept. 16 meeting. Cota & Cota will visit the site Oct. 7 to determine placement and size of tank(s) needed. LAP will contact the Town to have existing Merrill Gas tank removed. DT will be contact person for Perkins visit, find out their payment terms, etc. There was brief discussion of opportunities for use of the building that having the capacity to heat at least a portion of the building will allow.

Nothing to report on status of National Register application.

LAP has been working on grant application for VT Div. for Historic Preservation grant, due Oct. 5. Committee decided to ask for \$8,500, which, along with \$3,000 already received from Windham Foundation, should be sufficient to cover at least 50% of the cost of steeple work. VDHP is holding a "webinar" on Sept. 17 to assist grant applicants. LAP & DT hope to take part. Also, Preservation Trust of Vermont is sponsoring an "arts & cultural heritage on-line retreat" on Monday, Sept. 21. LAP & DT hope to take part in that as well.

LAP initiated discussion of other possible fund-raising efforts to undertake in the remainder of 2020, including Hallowe'en event, another end-of-year fund-raising letter. Members were encouraged to come up with specific ideas for discussion at our next meeting.

DT initiated discussion of creating a new sign for the Meetinghouse to replace "Historic Brookline Church" sign which pre-dates town ownership of the building. Whether to hire -- or seek a volunteer -- artist or sign-painter to design and create a sign -- or design it ourselves -- was discussed, as well as content, location and whether to re-use existing 4 X 4" sign posts. Members will give this some thought and solicit ideas for further discussion.

Next BMC meeting scheduled for Tues. Sept. 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM.  
DM moved to adjourn at 7:17 PM, KB second, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Towler





