

Historic Brookline Church Advisory Committee Minutes

FINAL

15 December 2015

Peter Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Committee members present: Stan Noga, Bruce Mello, Mark Bills and Helen Samuels.

In compliance with the open meeting law, Peter Meyer asked if there was a request to change the order of any of the items on the agenda. There were no requests.

The minutes of the 23 November 2015 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Adjustment of Community Center/Sunny Daycare boundary line: A recommendation will be made to the Selectboard to extend the boundary line between the two buildings. Consideration must be given to providing adequate parking for the Community Center. Stan Noga will pursue the question whether a survey of the properties is needed. The group agreed to return to this topic at future meetings.

The decision was made to remove the cluster of trees between the School and the Community Center properties, and install a stone wall in its place. Trees will be marked for removal or to be kept. A site visit, and/or a video review will take place. This review is scheduled for Saturday, 19 December @ 9am. No grant will be required for this work.

ADA Access to Community Center

We are not eligible for an access grant from the USDA Rural Development Agency, so we will continue to investigate other sources of funding for this work. The group also considered if this was a project that could be done by Brookline residents who might be willing to lend their skills and time to accomplish this important addition.

Restoration of the windows is a very high priority, and we already have 60 pieces of historic glass that can be used for those repairs. In conjunction with that work, the proper placement of bricks around the windows must also be addressed. The rest of the discussion of the work to be done on the windows was put off until the next meeting when Kerry could contribute to that conversation.

A Holiday letter was sent to the Community, 18 and in response over \$1,500 has already been received, with more donations expected. Information about the work on the Community Center, and a request for funds, will also appear in the Front Porch Forum, The Brattleboro Reformer, The Commons and on Facebook.

We will also plan to have an open house following Town Meeting – which might include a luncheon.

The next meeting is scheduled for MONDAY 18 January 2016 at 7pm in the Town Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm