

FINAL
Historic Brookline Church Advisory Committee Minutes

11 April 2016

Peter Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm. Committee members present: Mark Bills, Kerry Bourne, Helen Samuels, and Lee Anne Parker

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.

Archie Clark joined the first part of the meeting to review the question of the boundary lines for the building and how they relate to questions of the septic system, etc. It was suggested that at some point we should work with an engineer to make a site plan.

One of our priorities this summer will be to work on the perimeter of the building, both cleaning up and planting grass, etc.

The minutes of the 22 March 2016 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

The group returned to the question of an appropriate name for the building that will reflect its new identity. The group generated a long list of possibilities and then reduced that list to the following six possibilities. This list will be shared with the Selectboard and the community. The Brookline residents will be asked to indicate their choice:

Brookline Bell House
Brookline Community Center
Brookline Meetinghouse
Brookline Recreation Center
Brookline Meeting and Arts Center
The House of Pews
Write in _____

Upcoming repairs

The first major repairs will be of the belfry roof and steeple . The asphalt shingles must be replaced with a standing seam roof. This work will most probably be done by Phoenix Roofing Co., and we already have cost estimates from them. The next priorities will be the repair of the windows and then the roof. We will continue to keep the community informed as all of this work proceeds.

Lee Ann suggested that the committee hold a meeting at the building, so that we can all review the upcoming work. This has been scheduled for 2 May.

As trees are removed to facilitate the upcoming work, they will be cut into 6-8' lengths, and will be made available to the community. Kerry will also create a pile of stones that will be needed to rebuild the columns in the belfry.

The Committee discussed reapplying to the Windham Foundation for the repair of the windows. We have already raised \$6,300, so to complete the window work we would ask the Foundation for \$4,000. Discussion of this topic will continue at the next meeting.

Kerry was asked for his thoughts on the next work that should be scheduled. His list included:

- Tighten the foundation on the back of the building under the kitchen.
- Storm windows to protect the original windows.
- Paint the steeple and balustrade
- Replace the shutters.

Next meeting scheduled for 2 May 2016. The Committee will then try to meet regularly every two weeks.