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### Brookline Meetinghouse Advisory Committee Minutes August 10, 2016

Peter Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Committee members present: Bruce Mello, Kerry Bourne, Mark Bills & Peter Meyer. No members of the public were in attendance.

Peter asked if anyone wanted to add to or rearrange the order of discussion outlined on the agenda as allowed by Robert's Rules. All present were ok with the current content and order of the agenda.

The minutes of July 27<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and accepted as written.

Peter stated that the Windham Foundation accepted our grant for funding a portion of the window repairs. They sent the Town of Brookline a check for \$2500 of the \$4545 requested. This grant is very generous and appreciated. Peter will put together a thank you note on behalf of the Town of Brookline and anyone who would like to sign it is welcome to. Members of the Advisory Committee plan to attend the next Select Board meeting to discuss funding the remaining \$2000 of window repairs.

Phoenix Roofing is likely to repair the belfry roof in early fall 2016. Discussion of repairing the balustrade and spires ensued. The committee prefers keeping the current design of the balustrade but the current design doesn't shed water and snow as well as more minimal designs. Do we keep the current design which may have to be repainted or replaced in 10 years or do we go with the more "picket fence" look which South Newfane and many others have adopted? This design is more vertical and sheds water better, thus lasts longer with less potential for rot. Kerry suggested we wait until he speaks with several craftsmen who have done this before.

Heavy timber, leaning steeple and sagging floor repairs should start by the end of August. Kerry and Mark discussed enlarging the work platform in the attic.

Keeping signage and the community up-to-date during the repairs wasn't discussed in depth but we agreed to "keep doing what we've been doing." That is, update the signage in front of the building, send updated emails to the community as appropriate and update our FB page.

The Committee did not make a decision on which project(s) to include on the State of VT grant that's due in early October. This decision needs to be made soon. The Town's insurance carrier has a \$2500 matching grant which has to be used on something that's "safety related". ADA access was the only project that

we could come up with that's safety related. We aren't at a place where we can get a bid for the ramp or redesign the bathroom with an August 31 deadline, hopefully next year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 24th at 7:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted, Peter Meyer Follow us on Facebook at "Historical Brookline VT Church Building Restoration"