

Final

Brookline Meetinghouse Advisory Committee Minutes
24 August 2016

Peter Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Committee members present: Bruce Mello and Helen Samuels. 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 the 10 August meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The work on the windows is proceeding very well. And the funding for the work has been approved. We could therefore proceed to think about storm windows, which would significantly improve the efficiency of heating the building. We could possibly proceed with this work one window at a time as we raised the required funds.

We will continue to investigate installing a sign outside the Meetinghouse to keep the community informed of the current work in the building. Helen had found one online. She will recheck the details on the size of that sign and look for alternatives. We will also install a new sign to identify the building.

The next deadline for the Vermont State grants is October 5. Peter will send the Committee a copy of the grant proposal that was recently awarded to Athens, which should help us see what the State is currently funding, and help us think about what project we should think of submitting for this grant. The deadline for the Vermont Arts Council grant is 1 May 2016.

Working on this proposal should enable the Committee to set fundraising goals and seek effective approaches to reaching those goals.

Bob DuCharme has stayed in touch with Peter and reiterated his interest in using the building to present theatrical productions next April and October. The Committee would like to make this possible, as it would clearly demonstrate the work that has been accomplished, and how we hope to see the building used in the future.

Future grants should therefore emphasize the interest there is in using the building, and our plans to ensure that it will be an active community center.

The Committee should also think about our next holiday fundraiser and have a goal of perhaps \$5,000 to \$7,500.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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”