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Brookline Meetinghouse minutes September 14, 2016

In attendance: Peter Meyer, Helen Samuels, Bruce Mello, Kerry Bourne, Lee Parker

Meeting began with Kerry giving us a brief tour of the current state of the building. Pete Newton and crew, along with Kerry have begun the heavy timber repair and the jacking up of the structure.

At 7:08 minutes from 8/24 were reviewed and accepted as written. Window repairs have been completed. Yea! Payment will be covered by the \$2500 grant from Windham Foundation, \$5,850 from the Christmas fundraiser and the balance of the \$10,350 bill will come out of the Ladies Benevolent fund.

Next steps will be the repair of the balustrade and hipped steeple roof. We have an estimate of \$11,710 for the standing seam roof. We anticipate \$3000 for the balustrade, but have yet to determine the best material for the job. There was some discussion regarding the style of the balustrade, further research will be done to determine whether any change to the design could or should be made to extend the life of the repair.

The committee commended Peter for his work on the large sign indicating our constructions projects and their status. Helen will continue her search for a new metallic sign to be used to announce upcoming events.

Discussion of the 2017 Vermont Historic Preservation Grant ensued. Suggestions and drafts of the grant were shared and Peter volunteered to take the first run at a final version. More discussion and review will take place at our 9/28 meeting so we can submit by October 3rd.

Open House for Columbus weekend was discussed, final hours and staffing to be decided 9/28. Various fund raising ideas were discussed including prints from Neila Fishers watercolor of the historic church as well as Thank You notes and greeting cards. The committee is open to all suggestions!

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Anne Parker