

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2019 @ Brookline Town Office

Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Dan Towler, Sara Wiswall, Dot Maggio

LAP called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Minutes of last regular meeting on 11/7/19 were reviewed & accepted as written.

DM moved to accept, LAP second, so voted.

Minutes of work sessions on 11/18/19 and 11/25/19 were also accepted as written.

LAP moved to accept, DM second, so voted.

DT purchased 2 wreaths from Dutton's and hung on front doors of Meetinghouse;

DT also set up candle lamps in windows of MH which were supplied by Peter Meyer.

Peter brought his portable flood light over to illuminate front of MH for the holiday season.

DT shoveled out entrances to the MH after 12+ inch snowstorm on Dec 2.

Fund-raising/publicity mailing of Meetinghouse brochure to Brookline residents has generated just over \$1,000 in donations from approx. 17 respondents so far.

LAP will keep track of and record donations as they are received.

Dispersal of remaining 175 brochures to selected merchants in Newfane & Townshend was discussed; LAP and DM will take some around and drop them off at strategic locations where they may be seen and picked up, and monitor how quickly they get taken. BMC will decide at a future meeting on printing additional brochures.

LAP has ordered and will pick up 200 more Neila Fisher note cards @ Minuteman Press.

LAP has placed a basket with BMC note cards, mugs, and tote bags on the counter at Dutton's Greenhouse in Newfane, with permission from Wendy D.

Grant opportunity announced this fall by Preservation Trust of Vermont for matching grant of up to \$10,000 from the 1772 Foundation was discussed. Funds could potentially be used for completion of steeple painting and/or repairs to the foundation under the addition, which have been identified as our most urgent priorities. We may need to obtain further documentation of costs of these repairs by the application deadline.

"Letter of inquiry" must be sent to PTV & received by Jan. 15, 2020. Deadline for completed application is March 6, 2020. Funded projects must be completed by Sept. 30, 2020.

To meet eligibility guidelines, applicants must submit documentation of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and must have 501(c)(3) designation.

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DT will call PTV field officer Lisa Ryan and see if we meet these and other qualifications to apply, and will report back to BMC members.

Other business:

LAP noted that she has written thank you/happy holidays cards to Peter Meyer, Ned Phoenix, Cotton Design Associates, and Serv Pro.

LAP intends to ask Guy if BMC can assist in cleaning out storage closet in the Town Office building to make space for BMC materials.

Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, 6:00 PM.

7:30 PM -- DM moved to adjourn, SW second, so voted.