

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 5:00 PM @ Brookline Town Office

Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Dan Towler, Julia Duke, Stuart Duke, Kerry Bourne
Members of the public: Julie Roach

Lee Anne opened the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting Sept. 27 were reviewed. Stuart moved to accept, Julia seconded. All were in favor.

Committee has not heard from Jon Saccoccio who is still working on our conditions assessment. His work has been slowed by family health issues. We expect to hear from him soon.

RFP for steeple painting has gone out. Bids will be opened at Nov. 1 Select Board meeting. Project completion date changed to 10/1/24.

There was no report from the Energy Committee as Jon Ballou was not present.

Marjorie Ray has been working on redesigning the Town website. Lee Anne & Stuart will continue to update the committee on her progress and the BMH presence on the website.

Julia reported that the Round Schoolhouse Committee has supervised the planting of a garden in front of the RSH in memory of Cynthia Nau.

Kerry reported that the foundation rebuild under the BMH annex is well underway, with no huge unforeseen issues beyond some sill repair that will be needed. Also, a plumber will have to be engaged to connect the kitchen sink drains to the septic tank.

KB will contact the Bovats re: this issue and shutting water off when his project is done.

An informal "events committee" consisting of LAP, Julia D., Julie R., and Fran and Tim Carr, met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a late fall gathering to celebrate the holiday season, potentially to include hot soups, bread, mulled cider, and cookies, along with a musical performance and community singalong. Amy Cann has agreed to accompany on the organ if a date can be found that agrees with her schedule.

The issue of available plumbing in the building came up, as the water is generally shut off sometime in November to prevent pipes from freezing. How to get around this issue will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting, which is scheduled for November 6 at 4:00 PM. Select Board will be kept informed as the planning for this event takes shape, including any expenses that may arise from it.

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Committee members will begin to review the events of the past year to decide what to include in this year's fund-raising letter, and will review procedures and costs of past years to decide how we want to do it this year, along with who will work up the actual letter. SB approval will be needed for the expense, which will have to be determined ASAP in order to have time to get it before the SB and get the letter out by late November.

LAP and DT have agreed to listen in on the SB meeting of Oct. 18 in case any discussion of the BMH needs Committee input. Subsequent SB meetings will be 11/1, 11/15, and 12/6.

Next BMH meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5:00 at the Town Office.

SD moved to adjourn at 6:05 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Towler