

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, January 29, 2024, 5:00 PM, Brookline Town Office

Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Dan Towler, Julia Duke, Stuart Duke, Jon Ballou

This was our first “hybrid” meeting, with a mix of attendees in person and on Zoom.

Lee Anne brought the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Minutes of our last official meeting on Jan. 4, 2024 were reviewed. LAP moved to accept, Stuart seconded, all were in favor.

LA announced that we have received, as promised, a \$7,500 donation from Howard Cutler, which in addition to the 24 smaller donations received in December, brings our year-end total to \$10,065. We are still awaiting action from the SB and the State before we can ascertain our total of available funds.

LA also announced that she has submitted our report for 2023 to be printed in the Town Report which will be available at Town Meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to going over our priority list of renovations needed to make the building fully functional. We have taken the list of recommendations from the recent conditions assessment and expanded on it with input from various sources, to create a more comprehensive list to guide us in planning and fund-raising in the foreseeable future. The plan is to discuss this list with the Select Board at one of their meetings soon and brainstorm with them about how to finance the next few steps in this project.

We have created a spreadsheet from our list so we can fill in costs of each step as we are able to determine them, in addition to funding sources and a projected timeline for completion. This document is now on our shared drive and will be a work in progress.

We are hoping to receive additional planning help, and possibly funding, from Windham Regional Commission's MTAP program which is helping small rural communities identify and tackle their most urgent challenges.

We have begun identifying projects that are most urgent to tackle in 2024, beginning with exterior paint on the bell tower of the church and possibly on the addition, and mold remediation, which has been identified as a serious building issue. We have a proposal from one company that looked at the mold/moisture issue in 2023, and we are scheduled for a visit from a second company tomorrow, January 30.

We have scheduled a next meeting to continue these discussions on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Town Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Towler

