

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, May 13, 2024, 5:00 PM @ Brookline Town Office

Note: Meeting location changed from BMH to Town Office for Internet capability

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

LAP brought the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Minutes of 4/29 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. LAP moved, JB second, all were in favor.

Status of Yost/Saccoccio contract for mold study – Contract language is still being worked out between JAS and Mike DeSocio, nearing completion. JAS and P. Yost now planning to visit BMH and do their investigation on June 10. No restrictions on building activity are planned. It is hoped that we will have a report on the results of this study within 3-4 weeks.

Draft RFP for a feasibility study, a proposal for which has already been prepared by Jon Saccoccio, has been written by Jon B. with input from other Committee members. This will be brought to the SB at their meeting on 5/15 and finalized with input from them, with a detailed version on the Town website and a shorter one for publication in the Reformer, and will hopefully go out shortly. The Building Commissioner will be available to show the building to any applicants who request it.

Pros and cons of The Village Trust Initiative, a program brought to our attention by the PTV (see 4/29 minutes), were discussed. The five-question intake form to express interest in being considered has been reviewed and worked on by members, the SB having endorsed this initial step. Julia offered to collate our answers and edit for clarity and brevity. These answers – limited to 500 characters each – were agreed upon in draft form, and will be submitted prior to the 5/24 deadline.

Plans for the upcoming Plant Sale from 9 to 11 AM on 5/25 were reviewed, with set-up to occur that morning and the day before. LAP and JD are coordinating. The Athens Meetinghouse group has announced their own plant sale on May 18, with a press release in the Reformer. LAP will prepare and submit one for ours. LAP and DT will reach out to Sherry from the Athens Committee to discuss current plans and projects and possible areas for collaboration.

Historical Society of Windham County will hold their bi-annual History Fair Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10-4. BMH will participate, though regrettably without our Chair, who will be away.

Subjects likely to come up at the SB meeting on 5/15 were discussed, including some areas of friction and apparent disagreement on priorities and goals of the BMH Committee.

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Our next meeting was scheduled for June 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM @ the BMH.
JD moved to adjourn, LAP second, with all in favor, at 6:40 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Towler