

Draft Minutes

Brookline Meetinghouse Committee

February 13th, 2025

Brookline Town Office

Attending: Jon Ballou; Fran and Tim Carr; Public: Stan Noga Jr., Bruce Mello, Julie Roach, Vanessa Ballou

Minutes taken by JB.

Minutes of November 3rd, 2024 meeting approved.

SN: Discussion of how BMH Committee can work with the Select Board. Key points were to maintain communications between the two groups, and recognize that the Meeting House Committee is an advisory committee to the Select Board.

TC pointed out that the current Committee is not interested in being involved in writing requests for proposals or grant proposals.

The Committee would like to have a key to access the Town Office for meetings if that is possible. BMHC to make formal request to SB for a key.

BM: presented his plans for further restorations/renovations to the BMH (attached). The goal is to have the Annex available for year-round use.

The Preservation Trust (Kathlyn Caulkin) suggested that when making renovations to historical buildings one should "keep what you can, and mimic what you can't." Work done does not need to be done by a certified contractor. Volunteers can help but must ensure

Fundraising:

- Irish music event is scheduled for May 3rd. Note that the Carrs will not be able to attend. Suggest that there be a cover charge with 50% going to the BMH, 50% going to musicians.
- Plant sale – Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Lee Anne Parker has agreed to coordinate this. Alyssa Schmidt will organize a town-wide yard sale. AS will take care of advertisements for these events. JR suggested that the yard sales be at the BMH with town vendors paying some amount to set up tables? Vote on this at next meeting.
- Legislator's meeting – Being organized by Alyssa Schmidt. Suggestion that there be food at the event. TBD
- Soup Night – provide a small number of different types of soup for take home. Open during the time of day when Day care lets out – late afternoon, early evening. Charge \$5 for small, \$10 large? June 3rd?

Brookline Church prospective outline

Bruce Mello February 13, 2025

Sanctuary

Steeple, hardware cloth walls for prevention of bats and to keep air infiltration which is needed if insulating sanctuary ceiling

- a. Railing to upper steeple*

Remove bat guano \$3,000 and install 6 mil plastic floor for possible future guano until problem solved and used as vapor barrier afterwards.

Paint inside of church after mold removal and use of mold resistant paint all done by painters.

Control humidity.

Heating TBD.

Insulation of ceiling and floor AND possible walls of crawlspace.

- a. "Splice" in trim on outside of eaves. Opens on both north and south side letting bats in.*

Paint trim.

Possible circular sanding floors and walnut staining.

Protect woodwork of faux staining on pews and walls.

Possible ceiling fans.

Remediate timbers in crawlspace.

Vestry (Annex)

RFP window remediation.

RFP carpentry work.

- a. Remove entrance and rebuild to repair rot in walls and build ADA ramp.*

- a. Build ADA bath, plumb bath*

Upgrade existing bath.

- a. Open doorways to accommodate ADA accessibility.*

Remove plaster walls and lath. Insulate walls. Install sheetrock, skim coat walls with plaster.

Insulate ceiling and floor.

Paint outside. Already Planned.

Paint north roofing.

Replace south roofing.

Upgrade sink in kitchen.

Wash walls. Repair plaster that remains. Paint kitchen.

Replace flooring kitchen, Circular wand floors, walnut stain.

**= Requires carpentry work*