

Draft Minutes
Brookline Meetinghouse Committee
May 19, 2025
Brookline Meetinghouse

Attending: Fran & Tim Carr, Julie Roach. Members of the Public: Alyssa Schmidt, Select Board Member Bruce Mello.

Minutes taken by TC

Review and approved Minutes from 4.24.25

Update from Bruce Mello.

BM has applied for a grant from the VT Arts Council to insulate under the Annex. He received 2 quotes. Farnum in E Dummerston @24K and VT Foam Insulation in Chester@16K. This is to apply insulating foam along the outside walls in the crawl space beneath the Annex. Grant runs from Sept 1 to Sept 1. Should know by August if it is approved.

To foam insulate the walls, the plaster would need to be removed, a no go. Cellulite insulation could be installed from outside drilling holes in the wall and add inside storm windows to help insulate the room. They are easily removed to allow the windows to be opened. Storm windows from a company called Indow.

Use of a "modine" heater under the annex to keep pipes from freezing. Runs on electric, oil or gas.

Painting for the Annex: Side door, steps and roof need to be removed to see the extent of siding rot and be repaired before the painting can be completed and rebuild everything, possibly with ADA ramp.

Doorways will need to be widened to meet ADA requirements.

Other possible grants are two Preservation Trust grants and Paul Brun Grant. A grant for timber work in 2026 is possible.

Legislature Update from Alyssa.

She will firm up a date of June 7 or 14th, 5 to 7pm. Have some type of food or snacks and drinks. We would help with setting up the Meetinghouse, etc.

Irish Music Review.

It was a success! 67 attendees including MH staff. \$400 in door donations and was split with Happy Valley Sessions. \$15 earned in the refreshment table. We had a lot of positive feedback from the audience. Musicians were pleased with the attendance and enthusiasm of the audience. The refreshment table should be in the vestibule/foyer when you first enter the Meetinghouse. It offers better visibility to grab a drink/snack on the way in and you do not have to walk past the stage to purchase something after the show begins.

Fundraising Update.

Post card mailings were put in PO boxes. FC to send Thank You notes to people who mailed in donations to the Town Office. \$620 received in checks and \$700 on the GFM web site.

Plant Sale Update.

May 24th, 9 to 11am. LeeAnn and Julia have met with TC, FC, VB and JR. Everything all planned and will be a success.

Town Picnic planned for August 23rd.

FC in contact with Laurie Indenbaum to provide music. Nothing firm yet.

Other possible events;

Roger Albee: Jon Ballou to contact Roger Albee.

Bills Mill: Possibly in Sept when it gets darker earlier. The Meetinghouse needs to be dark inside for the projection of the film. JB to check with Teresa Maggio if our video equipment will meet needs to projection.

Play Every Town: JR to check on dates. Possible schedule before it gets too cold in the Meetinghouse to enjoy.

Next meeting scheduled for June 12th at 5pm.