

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES 3/30/2026

Meeting Date: March 30th, 2026; 4:30pm

Members present: Jon Ballou, Julie Roach, Tim Carr, Fran Carr

Public Present: Bruce Mello

Bruce Mello informed the committee that the Selectboard had voted to pause all work on the Meetinghouse, which includes the plans to insulate the annex. This puts the \$12,000 grant from the Vermont Arts Council in limbo; it expires in September 2026.

He also discussed the committee that will be created by the Selectboard to identify and investigate options for the future of the Town's buildings (including if the Annex is to be insulated). The committee's recommendations will then be presented to the Town and voted on by Australian ballot. The details of the committee can be found in the March 18 Selectboard Minutes.

As part of this process an Open House event is scheduled for April 18th for Town residents to visit all Town buildings, including the BMH. Put out information material in BMH?

Adding members to this Committee. JB to post a note through the Listserv asking if anyone is interested in joining the Committee. We should also post a notice before any event to ask for volunteers to help prepare for the event.

Status of Donations. The donation postcards were only mailed about 10 days ago. GoFundMe has a single \$100 donation. No report from the Town yet on what checks have been received. We also found out we only need to mail about 248 cards (170 cards were returned by the Post Office because our estimate of the number of local addresses was inaccurate). In addition, we don't need to use First Class mail. Need to get a better estimate of how many cards need to be mailed.

BMH Budget. JB to get a statement from the Town on the BMH account with activity during 2025.

Plant Sale. JR to contact Lee Anne Parker, Julia Duke re. 2026 Plant Sale. Some discussion about whether this should be over Memorial Day weekend or week before?

Music June 6th. The group "Kwartetto Mambo" will perform. This will require \$400. JB to see if Town will pay. Event will start at 7pm so it would be nice to have some dessert-like items and drinks on sale. JR will check if Laurie Nau and Sue DeSicio are willing to make something for

this (their contribution to previous events have been memorable!).

JB to see how many drinks left from last year's events.

The performers provided the Committee with a description of their group. JB to post on Front Porch, local Facebook groups.

Noted that we should have railings installed on the Annex entrance stairs before any events.

Town Party. Thinking of July 25th. Will check if there are other big events happening that day.

Notifying the Selectboard. JB will communicate with the Selectboard to: Get approval for Plant Sale and Music Event; Request \$400 from Town for Music event; Town Party; request to have railings installed on Annex entrance steps.