

BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES 5/7/2026

Meeting Date: May 7, 2026; 4:30pm

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

Plant Sale May 30th:

- Gary Lavorgna dropped off some excellent raffle items. And WW Building Supply provided a generous package of gardening items that we will bundle together as one "Gardening Basket."
- Raffle tickets for the basket will be \$8 each, tickets for other items will be 3 for \$10.
- FC will make Thank You cards to WW and Gary to display with the raffle.
- Carrs to put up notice boards when they get back after May 18th. JB will post online notices at same time.
- Setup for Plant sale will be on the Friday before (May 29th) at 3pm.
- JB looked into the use of online paying tools for the plant sale. However, the internet that we previously connected to through the School house has been disconnected. With no cell service, we won't be able to access any online payment tools.

Music Night June 6th:

- There will only be desserts and drinks at the event as the timing is later in the evening.

Town Party:

- The Committee decided to skip the Town Party this year and move to having a Party every other year.
- This decision was based on the observation that attendance has been steadily declining over the last couple of years, and that it looks like the stairs to the Annex will not have railings.

We still hope to have a Soup Night towards the fall.

Budget.

- Melissa Brown provided a financial report on Meetinghouse funds. Our balance from donations and fundraising is \$1166. Our March fundraising mailing resulted in only \$400 donations, which is substantially lower than in previous years. This means that we are no longer raising enough funds to significantly contribute to restorations or renovations.
- We understand that any funds needed for events will come from these donations plus anything we receive from further donations given during events
- The Town has a Community Fund (\$1000) which has been used in the past to fund the Town Party.

- JB to check with the Select Board to confirm our understanding of the funds being made available to us for events.

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