

# BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

June 8, 2015

## MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Safety Complex Meeting Room.

Chairman Keith Thompson presided.

Members of the Board Present: Nancy Reinbold  
Eric DiVirgilio  
Dan Marcek  
Bob Ottavi, Secretary

Members of the Board Absent: Vicki Pope  
Donna Corey  
Peter Cook  
Scott Grzyb

Also in attendance: Irene Thompson

### MINUTES

Nancy moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting. Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.

### STORIES MATTER

Scott sent an update to Keith that he has made good progress on a server for Stories Matter. He will contact Donna to do testing.

### FREEDOM'S WAY

Eric gave Freedom's Way an update on how the Brookline event went.

### INTERVIEWS

Nancy has three other people she wants to interview and is still working on transcribing past interviews she has conducted. Dan wanted to know what value there is in doing a full transcription of the interviews versus just logging the time points of the key topics. There is a lot of time in doing a transcription. Eric said he has gotten a lot of value out of listening to the interviews and knowing where the key points were discussed. Nancy should continue to focus on the interviews and then we can decide if we need to transcribe the whole interview. Note that the questions vary based on who is being interviewed.

### CHIEF BOOK EDITOR

Eric passed out a draft of a recommendation to be given to the SelectBoard detailing why it would benefit the book project to have Sid Hall as chief editor. Attached to this recommendation is a general timeline, which Eric has generated and was reviewed in past meetings. The scope of his work will be for editorial services. The initial benefit from Sid will be to define the style and format for the writers to use. He will also keep track of the writer's progress. Sid will bill as he does the work versus one bill at the end.

Eric motioned to recommend to the Selectboard to hire Sid Hall to do the editorial services, cost not to exceed \$10,000. Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sid wants to come to the Selectboard meeting in order to help describe the work he will be doing for the town and how it will benefit the book project.

Dan said that we need to finalize the table of contents. This is also one of the requirements which Sid will be looking for. Dan also brought up that we might need to look at more than just a hard cover book. We will discuss this more in future meetings.

Dan asked who is will be overseeing this work. We will mainly be responsible.

Eric will make some modifications to the recommendation and pass it out for review by the committee. Keith will talk to Tad to see how to proceed.

Eric brought up that the town should own the rights to the book.

#### ARCHIVING

Keith asked Dan about long term archiving. Dan said it is not just archiving the material but also having a plan for maintaining it for future generations. We will continue to look into this and work with the Historical Society as needed.

Eric said there are some 8mm films which have Brookline historical significance. Bob said he has a 8mm projector that could be used by the town.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 Keith moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday July 13, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Safety Complex Meeting Room.

Submitted,  
Bob Ottavi, Secretary