



Minutes of the Brookline Town History Committee – July 15, 2013 – 6:35PM  
Brookline, NH

Present: Nancy Reinbold, Steve Russo, Keith Thompson, Dan Marcek,  
Absent: Peter Cook, Scott Grzyb

Also Present: Lynne Abt, Mark Fountain, Sandy Messore, Tom Messore, Bob Ottavi,

MINUTES:

Nancy moved to approve the minutes of June 17<sup>th</sup>; passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Keith met with local author/publisher Sidney Hall. He was a wealth of information. He discussed the republication process as well as the publication process for a book. His recommendations included: that we utilize a strong writer and/or editor, that we use MS Word, that we make the book entertaining and accessible, and that we obtain an ISBN # for the book to facilitate its being sold via Amazon and booksellers.

There was a discussion about Hall's suggestion that contributors use the *Chicago Manual of Style* and *The Elements of Style* and that a style sheet be developed for contributors. A Style Sheet Committee was suggested, to include Keith and Laura Prescott; also, that we should consider having two style sheets, one for authors and one for editors.

Keith and Nancy made a trip to the Nashua Public Library to examine their collection of local history books to get ideas for what our publication should look like.

A Google site has been established for the Committee's communications.

UPDATES:

Bob Ottavi converted some of Lynn's videos to digital format. Lynn will give copies to Buddy to show on the local cable channel. Bob also digitized the *Brookline Bicentennial Cookbook*.

Nancy interviewed Clayton Ayotte, the farmer in West Townsend who raced in the Brookline Raceway. Buddy will interview him for a cable television segment.

Steve passed around copies of two local histories, *Where the Past has been Preserved: Hollis, NH 1879 – 1979* and *The Russell Homestead, 1757 – 2007*, about the Russell family farm in southern Brookline.

Lynn found a copy of her interview with Donald Barnaby; she will give it to Buddy to air on the local channel and place it on the Youtube channel that she is establishing for the Committee.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Lynn has a box of historical items to donate.

Keith will talk with Tad about storing materials donated to the Committee in Town Hall.

Bob will attend the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Brookline Seniors and show them a copy of the *Brookline Bicentennial Cookbook*. He will also continue to digitize the videos Lynn made and give copies to Buddy.

Nancy will contact the Concord Grange to try to find William Collins and others who were active in Brookline's Grange.

Lynn is continuing to look for other interview tapes. She is also working on a history of the bell ringing incident. She volunteered to work on a pamphlet commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Daniels Academy.

Keith and Nancy will return to the Nashua PL to continue checking its collection of local history books.

#### PLANNING:

Keith suggested the Committee have a table for the Saturday of Brookline Old Home Days (August 22-25) to raise awareness about the Committee. Displaying historical artifacts and having a handout to solicit volunteers, etc., were discussed. Steve will work on the handout.

Lynn suggested that the Committee communicate via a facebook page; Dan suggested we communicate via a page on the town website.

Keith will work on a location for the Senior Luncheon, which may be called *Harvest of Memories*.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy and Tom Messore of Embellished Thread, LLC would like to make a historical memory quilt for the town's upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> (semiquincentennial) anniversary. They are asking for help finding pictures of Brookline through the centuries that they can reproduce on the quilt. They would also like to include a border of signatures. To contribute, contact Sandy at [smessore@embellishedthread.com](mailto:smessore@embellishedthread.com).

Mark Fountain let Keith borrow a thumb drive with 52 articles and pictures relating to the Austin family; Keith will copy the items.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The Committee's next meeting will be on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at a location to be determined

#### ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:08PM, Steve moved and Nancy seconded to adjourn the meeting; voted unanimously.

Submitted,

Steve Russo, Secretary