



Minutes of the Brookline Town History Committee – June 17, 2013 – 6:35PM
Brookline, NH

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

Absent: Scott Grzyb

Also Present: Lynne Abt, Mark Fountain, Bob Ottavi, Laura Prescott,

MINUTES:

Peter moved to approve the minutes of May 15th. Dan seconded; passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Keith announced that Bob Ottavi had volunteered to be on the committee. Keith will submit his name to the Selectboard for approval.

Future meetings will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The dates for the next three meetings are: July 15, August 12, and September 9.

The Selectboard is interested in how much the committee's project will cost. The committee is supposed to publish by 2018 a book updating Parker's *History of Brookline*. Keith estimates that 1500 copies would be printed. As the committee has not picked a publisher, has not decided what the scope of the publisher/printer should be, and the fact that prices may significantly change in the 5 years between now and 2018, it was thought that further study should be made before we give a figure to the Selectboard. Keith will convey this to the Selectboard.

Old Publications:

Keith found two more Brookline publications of interest: *The Brookline Bicentennial Cookbook* and *The 150th Anniversary & Welcome Home to Soldiers and Sailors of World's War* (published in August 1919).

Brookline Seniors:

Keith spoke with the Brookline Seniors group. They suggested that we start oral history interviews at a senior dinner. Lynne will ask the Women's Club to host the dinner, tentatively scheduled for September 21.

Publicity:

Reporter Irene Labombarde of the *Hollis Brookline Journal* interviewed Keith about the committee. Her article should appear in the newspaper soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy met someone who raced at the Brookline racetrack; she will connect him with Buddy so that Buddy can do an interview with him for the local television channel. Nancy suggested that Clara Bent, a former Brookline resident now living in Vermont, should be interviewed.

Relations with the Brookline Historical Society:

There was a discussion of what the committee's role should be in relation to the role of the Brookline Historical Society (BHS). Dan said that there were two issues with articles people give

us: access and preservation. Keith suggested that the committee's role might be to connect people who contact us with relevant people/organizations. The consensus was that we do not want to overlap or compete with them. Dan recommended that we talk with the BHS so that together we can determine what we should take care of and what is their responsibility.

Mark talked about his family in the history of Brookline and read a passage from a family record about the old Fessenden Mill.

It was suggested that the committee work on setting up a (physical) resource center and/or Google Drive resource for the old documents we collect so that they can be accessible to interested residents.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Keith and Nancy will go to the Nashua Public Library on June 25 to look at local histories in their collection.

Bob will work with Lynne on converting Lynne's videos to DVD and having them aired on Brookline's television channel.

Bob will work on digitizing *The Brookline Bicentennial Cookbook* and seeing if it can be reprinted in a larger type format.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:14PM, Peter moved and Nancy seconded that the meeting adjourn; voted unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on July 15th at 6:30PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Submitted,

Steve Russo, Secretary