

# BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

July 14, 2014

## MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Safety Complex.

Chairman Keith Thompson presided.

Members of the Board Present:     Dan Marcek  
   Nancy Reinbold  
   Peter Cook  
   Bob Ottavi, Secretary

Members of the Board Absent:     Scott Grzyb

Also in Attendance:                 Donna Corey  
   Vickie Pope

### MINUTES

Dan moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting. Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

We have not been able to get an item on the Selectboard agenda to increase the number of members on board. Keith will contact Tad and meet with him.

### SCANNER

Scott has the newly purchased DoxioGo scanner. Need to make it available to committee members outside of town hall hours. The proposal is to keep it among us to make it easily available. We also need a demo so we all know how to use it.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

We need to have committee member(s) volunteer for a Brookline Old Home Days table (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>?). Let Keith know if you are available.

Keith has a first draft of our brochure. We reviewed it and everyone gave suggestions. Keith will rework it and distribute a new version for review.

We need to consider having a float for next year's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

### TRANSCRIPTION

No update from Scott about converting interviews which Nancy did. Keith will contact Scott.

### PUBLISHING

Plymouth Historical Society published their 250<sup>th</sup> in 2013. They did a book and commemorative program. The person who gave Nancy the book said she would be willing to come and talk to us but probably not at

night. They had different authors to divide the work. If we took this approach, we would like a single editor.

Keith stated again that Randall publishing would be willing to walk us through the process. We should also talk again with Sid Hall in the fall.

We decided that for the next few meetings we should focus on one major topic per meeting. Publishing is a big one and we need to put more attention on that.

For the August meeting we will discuss the format and framework of the book. For September we could discuss who writes the book. Should we have one writer or many writers? We do need to find an editor and that may be part of what a publisher can offer. May need to update the style guide to reflect the process we want to use.

How do we organize the book? Some of the ideas to consider are listed here.

<u>By decade</u>	<u>By topic</u>	<u>Tone of the book</u>	<u>Scope</u>
Time line	Buildings	Academic	1914-2017
Events	Development in the town	Anecdotal	
		Accessible	
		Genuine	
		Interesting but easy read	

The audience is both older and younger people. Some people have been in town for many generations and some only recently. Some people may want more detail and anecdotal stories, others just an interesting and easy read.

Brookline went from an agrarian town (with a railroad, many people employed in town, home business) then to some businesses along Rt. 13 with some commuting and now a town where a lot people do commuting for work.

Consider how Brookline changed as things across the US was changing and how worldwide affairs affected Brookline.

We need to look at other town histories for examples at or before our next meeting. Keith will look into going to the Nashua library and using their room to look at other town history books. Maybe even photocopy sections as needed. Who did other towns use for a publisher and writer? Donna mentioned that you could access a lot of town histories on Google Books.

#### BUDGET

October is budget month so we need to start thinking about it. Discuss it as a topic for the September meeting.

#### RESEARCH

Betty Hall has not made it back to town for a while. She would like to have Nancy come over and go thru stuff in her barn. No date is set.

Keith says there is space in town hall to store stuff.

There is an email related to the Grange that Keith that needs to send to Nancy. Additionally, Nancy will contact Barbara Collins about the old Brookline Grange. Peter asked the question, "What do we want to

know about the Grange". Maybe just take highlights otherwise the amount of information may be too great and may not directly be related to what we are doing.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40, Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Aug 18, 2014 at 6:30pm in Safety Complex.

Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted,

Bob Ottavi, Secretary