

BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

August 18, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Safety Complex.

Chairman Keith Thompson presided.

Members of the Board Present: Donna Corey
Vicki Pope
Peter Cook
Bob Ottavi, Secretary

Members of the Board Absent: Scott Grzyb
Nancy Reinbold
Dan Marcek

Also in Attendance: No one else

MINUTES

Donna moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting. Vicki seconded. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

The history committee charter for another year has been approved. The committee can now be increased to 11 members. Donna Corey and Vicki Pope have been added to the committee, bringing the total number of people on the committee to eight. Welcome aboard Donna and Vicki!

OLD HOME DAYS

We will have a table on Saturday, September 6th, from 8-4. Keith will be there most of the day. Peter will look into getting a pop up tent and 4 easels. Vicki will be at the table from 10-12. Keith will bring the quilt squares and contact other committee members for additional help at the table.

PUBLISHING

Sometime in September or October we should meet at the Nashua Public Library to get more ideas from other town history books.

Donna will email some scans she did from other town history books. She copied some table of contents and pages showing who published the books. We can use this to see how another town organized topics for their book and the timelines they used.

Exeter did something we had talked about in an earlier meeting. They took the approach of writing how town events mirrored what was going on in the nation at the time.

Donna suggested we make a timeline covering the dates of our book listing what was going on in the nation at the time and what was happening in Brookline. We need to have some structure and framework to begin working with. Bob will start putting together this timeline. Other committee members can send

their input to Bob. Major events could cover things like medicine, technology, economy, weather, military conflicts, etc. The events pre-1935 may be the toughest to find out how they affected Brookline since it was so long ago. We need to remember that not only did events in the nation affect Brookline, but Brookline may have also affected something in the nation. At the next meeting, we will look at the timeline and start determining the format for the book.

SCANNER

Scott has the scanner. Keith will contact Scott and ask if he can give us a tutorial on how to use it.

TRANSCRIPTION

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

ORAL HISTORIES

We had some discussion about how to handle asking someone for an oral history. It's ok if someone does not want to give an interview. Someone may be just too busy or not comfortable with an interview. Some people may be more amenable if they see others giving interviews.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

Keith did a second draft of the brochure based on the comments we gave him at the last meeting. He will make some copies to be available for Old Home Days.

We need to make it be know to other people in town that we are looking for volunteers with things like sifting through old newspapers, etc.

RESEARCH

Keith will attend a workshop on online databases, Friday Oct 17th at the state library in Concord.

Keith forwarded to Nancy the email related to the Grange that she requested.

Donna mentioned that newspapers.com could be a source of information. This web site may be affiliated with ancestry.com.

GOOGLE DRIVE

Some members have not been able to access our Google Drive. Keith will resend invites.

BUDGET

Keith spoke with Tad and they decided to have a \$10k warrant article on next years town budget for publishing the town history book.

We may need to spend some money on subscriptions in order to do research. We will only get a subscription if that is the only way to get the information we want.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40, Donna moved to adjourn the meeting. Vicki seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2014 at 6:30pm in Safety Complex.
Keith will talk to Wes about scheduling the room at the Safety Complex for the next several months.

Submitted,
Bob Ottavi, Secretary