

BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

September 15, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Safety Complex.

Chairman Keith Thompson presided.

Members of the Board Present: Donna Corey
Nancy Reinbold
Vicki Pope
Dan Marcek
Bob Ottavi, Secretary

Members of the Board Absent: Scott Grzyb
Peter Cook

Also in Attendance: No one else

MINUTES

Nancy moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting. Vicki seconded. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

Keith will contact Tad to update the town web site with Donna's and Vicki's names.

OLD HOME DAYS

Good attendance in spite of the heat. Keith met a new person in town that expressed interest in helping us. The severe weather caused an early end to the day. Several panels for the quilt were filled out.

Dan mentioned that we should have defined goals as to what we expect to get out of events like this since there is considerable time and effort spent.

PUBLISHING

Bob has done an initial time line to see where national events overlay Brookline events. We reviewed this and can use it as a reference. Bob will send this to the committee members.

We then discussed how to approach writing the sections of the book. Should it be by subject/theme, chronological, narrative, what events influenced changes in Brookline.

Having several writers can work but probably only if we have a strong editor to make sure we have continuity of writing. Need to have continuity of style. Dan suggested a chapter on Andres. Other chapters could be on the burning of the Ice House, various people that impacted Brookline, the railroad age, the Village Store and the building of Rt. 13. Nancy will start a section on Andres. Donna will start a section on Big Bear.

Dan thought we should reach out more to the community for Brookline memories. Nancy will contact the Nashoba Valley Messenger so as to reach people that may have moved from Brookline but have memories to share about Brookline. Keith will contact the Brookline Economic Committee about having something in their next newsletter about the town history book we are working on. Tad does alerts through the town website and maybe we can put something there. Schools have backpack mail and that might also be an option.

Also contact other town groups and clubs for help by either writing a chapter or supplying us enough information that we could do it. We should be fairly specific for what we are looking for.

Town: fire department, ambulance, town hall, schools, police, library

Clubs: Lions, Women's, Rotary, Scouts, Historical Society, Grange, Garden, town band, Off Broadway Players

Churches: Congregational, Methodist

Vickie and Keith will talk to the Lions club.

There are 32 years worth of the Brookliner in the library. An "Our Place" newsletter is in the library too.

Rena at the town hall can print/copy things for us.

We should use Facebook more to distribute things like photographs and articles in order to reach more people.

QR (Quick Reference) codes could be used at places such as entrances to public places. Someone can scan these QR codes with their smart phone and thereby have a link to what the history committee is doing.

We may consider going to the Nashua Public Library again to get more ideas from other town history books.

SCANNER

Scott has the scanner. Keith contacted Scott and 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

No updates.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

Keith will pass out a new version of the flyer that he has updated. Donna has taken a picture of the town hall that we can use on the flyer.

Keith will find out if we can have a table with our flyers at the next blood drive.

RESEARCH

Keith will attend a workshop on online databases, Friday Oct 31st at the state library in Concord.

GOOGLE DRIVE

Some members have not been able to access our Google Drive. Keith will resend invites. He will also give us a demo on how to use it. The interviews we have should be put onto the Google drive if the size of the file is not too big. Amanda can help doing transcription. Keith will contact her.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25, Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on October 20, 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