

BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

March 17, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Chairman Keith Thompson presided.

Members of the Board Present: Donna Corey
Vicki Pope
Nancy Reinbold
Eric DiVirgilio
Scott Grzyb
Peter Cook
Bob Ottavi, Secretary

Members of the Board Absent: Dan Marcek

No one else was in attendance.

MINUTES

Nancy moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2015 meeting. Vicki seconded. Passed unanimously.

STORIES MATTER

Scott wants to expense money for technical support to get the database installed and running. This is a cost of \$100 for a month of support. We are also on the first free year of web hosting. Subsequent years will be about \$15 per month. Keith will speak to Tad about how to expense this.

TOWN MEETING

The video, which Dan put together, was not shown at the town meeting due to technical problems. Keith has arranged for it to be posted onto the town's web site.

At the Town Meeting, the warrant article allocating \$10,000 for the purpose of funding an update to Brookline's town history passed.

We acknowledged Donna for the great pictures on the cover of the town report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY

Keith and Scott will work together to prepare another draft of the flyer.

RESEARCH

Scott will create a letter of introduction to other organizations in town in order to get their help recalling Brookline's history. Scott asked how we should frame the letter. We should ask for a contact person.

Donna suggested we get a subscription to newspapers.com. It costs \$50 per year and includes online archived access to newspapers from Nashua, Portsmouth, Fitchburg and other surrounding towns. Donna motioned to get a subscription at \$50 per year, Scott seconded, passed unanimously. Keith will talk to Tad about this.

Vickie has started looking into the Brookliner.

We talked about cranberry harvesting in town. Eric is interested in looking into this.

Nancy has done three interviews with George Farwell.

Donna asked for some help with contact names and information for Big Bear. Peter will get her the information.

Bob is having some difficulty getting major weather event news articles specific to Brookline. Keith suggested looking at passed town reports on expenditures. Bob will also need to go to the individual departments to find information once Scott has his letter of introduction.

Scott brought up that video interviews could be used in addition the audio interviews we are currently doing.

PUBLISHING

We should be looking more into editors and publishers since we need a publishing plan by end of year.

Keith will send out publishing guidelines written by Peter Randall Publisher.

How do we fact check and to what level do we do it? It should be a combination of the committee and other people who can help us. Maybe someone from the library would be willing to do some fact checking. Scott will try to find out the publication process of other towns, including how they did fact checking.

UPDATE TO THE SELECTBOARD

Keith met with the Selectboard to explain the progress on the town history book. The Selectboard is satisfied with the progress we are making.

Keith will send Tad a note that we need to renew our charter.

FUNDRAISING

We will need a subcommittee to come up with ideas of how to raise funds outside of what the town will supply. Ideas were; bricks with names like on the Milford Oval, coffee cups, calendars, etc. Whatever we pick should give us a good return for the effort we will put in. If we pursue the bricks idea, we could work with the historical society.

FREEDOM'S WAY

The Freedom's Way event is being held March 26th-28th in Concord MA. There are many different parts to the event. People can pick and choose what things they want to attend. They do not have to attend the entire 3-day event.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

April 11th is the next senior luncheon if anyone wants to attend. People start showing up around 11:15 for a noontime lunch.

Keith will contact Sandy about the quilt and bring quilting squares.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Donna seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7, 2015 at 6:30pm in Safety Complex.

Submitted,
Bob Ottavi, Secretary