

BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

October 12, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Safety Complex Meeting Room.

Chairman Keith Thompson presided.

Members of the Board Present: Vicki Pope
Nancy Reinbold
Scott Grzyb
Bob Ottavi, Secretary

Members of the Board Absent: Eric DiVirgilio
Peter Cook
Donna Corey
Dan Marcek
Rebecca Nelson

Also in attendance: Irene Thompson
Steve Russo
Sid Hall

MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting was postponed till more members of the board are present who attended that meeting.

EDITOR and WRITERS UPDATE

Sid spoke for a while on his progress and next steps.

- Eric sent him some text about the geological description of the town, which he is reviewing.
- Sid wants to have one-on-one discussions with the writers versus taking up time in the monthly meetings. He will arrange times with the writers. He still plans to attend the monthly meeting.
- One option to finding new volunteers for writing is that he is planning to attend the Brookline writers group at the library. The next writers meeting is scheduled for November 7th. It appears there is interest from some of the writers to help out.
- He encouraged members to let him know what stories they will want to write so that he can fill in the gaps in the spreadsheet of subjects He will send a spreadsheet update from time to time.
- Sid still wants to go to the high school to see if there is any interest to help out.
- He encouraged us to send him anything we have currently written.
- Keith will make sure Scott has Google drive admin privileges and get Sid the password.

Vicki passed around a booklet from the upcoming Deerfield NH 250th anniversary. Some ideas may be useful for Brookline's anniversary celebration.

Keith passed out a copy of some pages from a book titled "We Had Each Other, A Spoken History of Lyme, NH". This book gives great insight of how people live in small towns. We might get some ideas from this.

CALENDAR of OLDER BROOKLINE HOMES

Scott passed out some printed sheets with photographs of houses and other historic pictures. He wanted our opinion if we want just houses in the calendar or a combination of houses and historic pictures. We decided to go with home pictures only.

We then had some discussion about sending a letter to people whose homes we are considering for the calendar. This letter would say something like; We are considering your home for our calendar. Let us know of any concerns you have by such-and-such a date. We are not planning to put names or addresses in the calendar, maybe just the date the home was built.

We can enclose a picture of their home so they have an idea of what it will look like.

Sid asked if a phone call would be easier but we don't have phone numbers for the homeowners.

Scott will show the Historical Society what we are planning and how they could help in getting it printed, with both the Historical Society and History Committee sharing profit from the sales.

Steve will send Scott a list of the homeowners' names and address. Scott will write the letters.

We want to have article in Nov 20th issue of the Brookliner about the calendar.

One option for the back of the calendar can be information on what the Historical Society and History Committee do and that the proceeds support both.

STORIES MATTER

Scott has a computer to be used for Stories Matter. Scott and Donna have done initial testing. Scott and Donna will do more in-depth testing.

INTERVIEWS

Scott and Nancy met with Betty Hall and had another great interview. They may be setting up another interview with her soon.

Nancy met several people with information about the racetrack.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 Keith moved to adjourn the meeting. Vicki seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday November 9, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Safety Complex Meeting Room.

Submitted,
Bob Ottavi, Secretary