

Minutes of the Brookline Town History Committee – October 21, 2013 – 6:30PM
Brookline, NH

Present: Bob Ottavi, Dan Marcek, Scott Grzyb (to 7:20), Steve Russo, Keith Thompson (Chair)
Absent: Nancy Reinbold

MINUTES:

Bob moved to approve the minutes of September 9th; Keith seconded; passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Keith will look into using Google Drive.

Keith talked about Pepperell's History Day which he attended and the "Murder on Oak Hill Road" article he found there.

Keith will discuss with Tad about handling privacy matters and what the Committee needs to do for the annual report and Town Meeting.

ORAL HISTORY DISCUSSION:

Scott reported on the interview he and Nancy conducted with Bill Quigley Sr. on 10/11. In their two hour conversation they covered a wide range of topics about the history of Brookline. Scott and Nancy will interview Betty Hall next.

Nancy, who could not attend the meeting, emailed in this report:

"On Sunday, September 29, 2013, I met with Paul Andres and John Weidman at the Pepperell Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to interview the two men about the history of the creation and founding of Andres Institute of Art. The interview lasted about 1 1/2 hours, and included discussion of visions for the future of the institute. Both Paul and John have agreed to meet with me at a later date for individual interviews of their lives in Brookline.

David Pease recorded the entire interview, and used a portion of it on Ch. 13 to advertise the latest Sculpture Symposium. David will edit the rest, and it will also go on Ch. 13. Eventually, I will get all of it on a DVD, which will go to the Committee, and then to the Historical Society.

Scott Gryzb and I interviewed Bill Quigley III, father of our Chief of Police. Lots of good stories. Interesting, and we hope to garner more from him when he returns to Brookline next Spring.

We have just lost another of Brookline's lifelong residents. Too late to interview Erwin Corey. We really do need to get busy interviewing our "Super Seniors" before it is too late!

Respectfully submitted:
Nancy C. Reinbold"

Keith recommended that for reasons of confidentiality that we have a policy that any audio or video files which members of the Committee produce should remain within the Committee.

Keith attended Jo Radner's family history program at the Library. The speaker recommended a book, *To Our Children's Children* by Bob Greene, a list of questions that can be used when conducting oral history interviews.



Keith suggested that all the Committee members should interview people. Dan recommended that we steer interviewees into talking about life in town and town events, and away from personal topics.

Brenden Denehy has suggested that we interview older firefighters - people like Eddie Whitcomb, George Farwell, Ross Jensen, and Buddy Doherty.

Dan: To publicize what we're doing, video clips of some interviews could be edited and shown on Channel 13 and the town website.

OTHER PROJECTS:

Tom Moran held "Brookline Old Timers" meetings for several years. Keith and Scott will see if Tom would be interested in having another get-together.

Laura Prescott and Bob will work on the style guide.

Keith: our "Harvest of Memories" event could perhaps be a *Genealogy Roadshow* type of program.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be at the Safety Complex Community Room on November 18th at 7PM. (Please note change in time.)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 Bob motioned to adjourn; Don seconded; voted unanimously.

Submitted,

Steve Russo, Secretary