



Minutes of the Brookline Town History Committee – January 20, 2014 – 6:30PM  
Brookline, NH

Present: Dan Marcek, Nancy Reinbold, Steve Russo, Keith Thompson (Chair)

Absent: Bob Ottavi, Peter Cook, Scott Grzyb

Also Present: Donna Corey, Barb Driscoll, Jim Pope, Vicky Pope

MINUTES:

Nancy moved to approve the minutes of the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting; Keith seconded; passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Keith introduced Barb Driscoll and Jim and Vicky Pope.

Jim and Vicky's daughter Amanda has volunteered to transcribe the oral histories we have recorded. Keith will coordinate sending the recordings out.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Wadleigh Library in Milford has an almost complete run of back issues of the Milford *Cabinet*.

Keith will do a presentation on Google Docs at an upcoming meeting.

PROJECTS:

Nancy reported that Wes Whittier presented a talk on the history of the town's ambulance service at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting; she taped it for the Committee.

Nancy will be assisting Nadiya Weidman in organizing a collection of photos and newspaper clippings on the early years of the Andres Institute of Art. Nancy will see if Nadiya will allow the Committee to digitize the collection to preserve it for future generations.

Nancy contacted towns that recently celebrated their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversaries to discover how they had observed the anniversary. Please see attached for a list of the information she gathered.

Bob and Keith worked on the Style Guide; Laura Prescott will help revise it.

A draft of the annual report was discussed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

There was a discussion that we need more participants to help with the Committee's work. Dan made a motion to increase the number of committee members to eleven; Keith seconded the motion; voted unanimously.

COMMITTEE BUDGET:

Keith will talk with Tad about having a petition warrant article to be voted on at the Town Meeting for an additional \$ 10,000 for the Committee's work.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Collecting signatures for the quilt squares at Town Meeting.

## TECHNOLOGY:

Dan proposed that instead of or in addition to the Committee's production of a book on Brookline's recent (1914-2014) history, that the Committee digitize historic documents, preserve audio/video interviews, etc. Keith stated that the Committee's charter includes provisions for a nonprint media (electronic) publication of the Committee's efforts.

Barb and Donna suggested a metadata program/relational database to index the oral histories, etc. They will bring suggestions to the Committee.

Barb suggested that the Committee purchase a high quality scanner to digitize historical materials.

Jim suggested a subcommittee be established to recommend to the Committee the software and hardware we will need to accomplish our mission.

Keith said there is much to consider as we work to accomplish our charter's goals.

## ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:50 Nancy motioned to adjourn; Keith seconded; voted unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on February 17th at 6:30 in the Community Room at the Safety Complex.

Submitted,

Steve Russo, Secretary