

Brookline Town History Committee  
Minutes of the November 18, 2013 Meeting

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Brookline, NH

Present: Scott Grzyb (to 7:55), Bob Ottavi, Nancy Reinbold, Steve Russo, Keith Thompson (Chair)  
Absent: Peter Cook, Dan Marcek  
Also Present: Donna Corey, Bill Graham, Ron Meryman

MINUTES:

Bob moved to approve the minutes of October 21st; Nancy seconded; passed unanimously.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Keith asked for a moment of silence for Lynn Abt who lost her son in a traffic accident this week.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Ron Meryman and Bill Graham from the Brookline American Legion Post attended the meeting to talk about a Sons of the American Legion group they are planning to form. Any son or grandson of someone who served in the US Armed Forces and was eligible to join the American Legion can join the Sons group. They need ten people to start the group. They hope they can form the group soon; they plan a publicity campaign to recruit members.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Keith talked with Tad about privacy issues. Tad found some space for the Committee at Town Hall – four filing cabinets; Keith hopes additional display space can be found. Keith would like to eventually see some display cabinets at Town Hall so that the Committee can exhibit some historical artifacts.

Keith contributed some documents to the Committee's Google Docs. Access will be limited to Committee members now; the docs may be made available to other interested parties later.

Keith reported that Sandy Messorre would like to collect more signature squares for the quilt. It was proposed that we try to have people sign the squares at get-togethers like the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Harvest of Memories, and similar events.

ORAL HISTORY DISCUSSION:

Scott recommended that the oral histories that the group undertakes remain confidential and secure, and at least for the time being, only available to Committee members.

Nancy will ask Paul Andres and John Weidman to sign releases for their interviews.

Nancy and Scott are working on oral histories to obtain information about the Brookline grange.

HARVEST OF MEMORIES:

Keith said he would like to plan the *Harvest of Memories* or *Brookline History Roadshow* for January or February.

OTHER PROJECTS:

Steve passed around a list of 160+ buildings in Brookline 100 years or more old. It was suggested that the buildings' exteriors be photographed, and their interiors also if the interiors still retain elements of historic value.

Peter Webb gave Keith a history of the Brookline Chapel, which he will place in Google Docs.

Keith passed out a copy of an article, *The Ballad of Big Bill Worley*. And copies of the former Brookline History Committee town reports from the mid-1970's. He has to check with Tad to see what we should submit for our town report.

Steve reported that some Eagle Scout candidates may be interested in helping the Committee with its work. Keith will discuss possibilities with them.

Keith is looking for an old Pathe Company film on the ice house.

Bob has been working on the style guide.

Nancy plans to work on gathering historical information on the Brookline Emergency Response Team and the old racetrack.

Brenden Denehy found two historic gavels at Town Hall. Ideally, they should be placed on display.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Community Room at the Safety Complex.

Submitted,

Steve Russo, Secretary