

# BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

December 10, 2018

## MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:35pm at Bruschi Hall.

Members of the Board Present: Keith Thompson, Eric DiVirgilio, Louise Eldridge, Roy Wallen, Bob Ottavi

Members of the Board Absent: Nancy Reinbold, Vicki Pope, Dan Marcek, Donna Corey, Jack Fallon, Peter Webb

### MINUTES

Roy moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting. Keith seconded. Passed unanimously.

### LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Keith is working on the schedule for the presentations. He will schedule the talks with those who have volunteered to do a presentation. Thursday nights are best for the library.

### EDITOR & WRITERS UPDATE

- Sid said articles are coming in and making good progress.
- Any photos we get, whether for the book cover, homes, etc., need to be credited. For example, Steve Russo contributed several house photos.
- Jack sent an email in reference to what to list in the section on veterans. Whatever list we get from Greg should be included and we can state that we did our best to include veterans contributions to the town of Brookline and the country.
- Vicki and Amanda still have a few photos to get.
- We were reminded that early next year committee members would be doing some proof reading.
- Keith will follow up with Tad about book storage. We can assume the physical size of the book will be about as large as Parkers, maybe a bit larger.
- Keith is waiting for a response from Tad about money remaining in the warrant articles.

### TECHNOLOGY

The Historical Society web site looks great and is getting better every week.

Sid did a write up on physical assets we have accumulated. We do think this information should be in the book and say that it can be accessed via the Historical Society web site. We shouldn't refer to our Google drive. An individual's notes don't need to be digitized.

### MARKETING PRE-SALES, PRINTING

- Currently at about 50 pre-orders and growing.
- Per Peter's suggestions we will do the following. Keith will work on inter-library communications. Keith moved that we spend up to \$50 on Facebook ads, Bob seconded and all voted in favor. There is a report generated that shows the number hits. Keith will prepare a draft of the ad and send it to the committee. Look into getting the video which Dan did a couple of years ago onto YouTube. This is the same video we did for the town meeting a couple of years ago but due to audio problems we could not show it. Keith will check with members of the 250<sup>th</sup> committee to see if they are preparing anything for the town meeting that we can join in on. Also ask Peter if we can have a table at the town meeting to sell books. The town meeting is a good place to continue to get our message out since some people don't have access to electronic means. Keith will put flyers at the library. Maybe a poster at the post office would work too.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 pm, Eric moved to adjourn the meeting. Louise seconded. Passed unanimously.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday January 14, 2018 at 6:30pm at Brusch Hall. Keith will see if the meeting room at the safety complex is free for our meetings.

Submitted,  
Bob Ottavi, Secretary