

BROOKLINE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Brookline Town History Committee was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:35pm at Bruschi Hall.

Members of the Board Present: Keith Thompson, Dan Marcek, Jack Fallon, Louise Eldridge, Roy Wallen, Vicki Pope, Donna Corey, Bob Ottavi

Members of the Board Absent: Nancy Reinbold, Peter Webb, Eric DiVirgilio

MINUTES

Donna moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting. Jack seconded. Passed unanimously.

LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Keith has set up a schedule of presentations at the library on topics in the book. He will verify with the presenters.

EDITOR & WRITERS UPDATE

- Writers are currently doing proof reading. Get any changes to Sid by the end of January.
- We discussed whether we need a warrant article to cover remaining costs to complete the book project. When the project started a few years back, we estimated the cost at about \$50k. We have currently received \$40k from past warrant articles. We have ~20k left with remaining costs to be editorial and book printing. Based on estimates with input from Sid, it was at proposed by Keith to have a warrant article for 10k at the town meeting. Keith motioned for a \$10k warrant article to complete the project. Jack seconded. We then had much discussion whether a warrant article for \$5k is better than one for \$10k based on our understanding of estimated costs to complete the project and the balances from prior warrant articles. Dan and Roy emphasized that we currently have brought in ~2k thru pre-sales with more coming into the town. The motion for a \$10k warrant article was defeated by a majority. Many committee members thought it better to have a warrant article for \$5k instead. Dan and Roy would be willing to talk to the selectman to get money from our book sales to make up any costs not funded. Keith will talk with Sid. Dan motioned for a \$5k warrant article, Roy seconded. Passed with a majority. Keith is planning to talk at the town meeting if necessary about the warrant article.
- Keith will write something for the town report and send it out to the committee for review.
- We can set up a table in the lobby outside of the gym during the town meeting for pre-sales. It would be nice to have something showing the front cover of the book as well.
- Vicki and Amanda have a couple of photos to get.
- Keith will follow up with the Friends of Library to see if we can use some of their storage area for the books when they arrive.

MARKETING & PRE-SALES

Currently at over 80 pre-orders and growing.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 pm, Louise moved to adjourn the meeting. Keith seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 11, 2019 at 6:30pm at Brusch Hall.

Submitted,
Bob Ottavi, Secretary