Minutes of meeting of

**BROOKS ACADEMY MUSEUM COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, 4 Jan. 2023

**Attendees**: Commission Members: David Spitz, Janet Cassidy, Sandy Hall, Debora Miller, Lynne Zalesak, on Zoom, Museum Director Marie Zahn

**Guests:** HHS President Sally Cormier, Linda Cebula, Sally Smith (Garden Club)

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was held at Town Hall and called to order at 10:34 by Chairman David Spitz

**PUBLIC COMMENT** none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** There were no minutes available for the Sept. 2nd meeting. Minutes from June 1 were approved at the Sept. meeting, so Janet will post them to the Town website.

**REORGANIZATION of BAMC**

Sandy Hall nominated David Spitz to continue as Chair, 2nd by Lynn Zalesak; passed unanimously

Sandy Hall nominated Lynn Salesak as Vice Chair, 2nd by Deb Miller; passed unanimously

Janet Cassidy agreed to serve another year as Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS**

• The building permit for the Brooks Academy building renovations was obtained at the end of November/beg. of December.  
Building Commissioner issued the permit based on accessibility issues being addressed later.

• Project manager supposed to start right after January 1, and has scheduled a mtg for onsite this very afternoon (Jan. 4)

• There was a discussion about there not being heat or water in the building during work. This issue MUST be resolved, as the artifacts need heat and fire protection sprinklers need water!

• A presentation was made to the CPC as two separate requests, one for foundation repair and one for exterior preservation and windows; CPC suggested it be combined into one. CPC to meet Jan. 5. Lynn Z reports CPC has indicated full support and that the BAM project is top priority. David is cautiously optimistic that this will pass and we will get the asked for funds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**•** Irrigation problems at the Crowell Barn: The water bill was very high so there are concerns about possible leaks. This issue will be addressed again in a few months when water is back on.

• Change in use of the building. Lynn Zalesak reported that HHS has decided on some changes. They will still continue to have exhibits in the downstairs rooms but will shift emphasis of the organization to research. Some of this is a temporary adaptation during construction but some is permanent. David suggested a meeting between HHS and BAMC sometime before Town Meeting to come to agreement on overall plan for use of building.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**APPROVAL OF EVENTS**: None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**: None

**NEXT MEETING:** February 1

Motion to Adjourn: Sandy Hall, 2nd Lynne Zalesak

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Cassidy, Secretary

Brooks Academy Museum Commission

Approved 5 Feb, 2023