

April 21, 2021

Attendees:

Ruthann Dobek, Elenore Parker, Yolanda Rodriguez, Susan Granoff, John Seay, Ruth Seidman, Matthew Weiss, David Trevvett, Melissa Trevvett.

Guest: Judith Kidd

1. Note Taker Matthew Weiss

2. Update on Membership Committee

- a. Judith Kidd & Melissa Trevvett co-chairs for next 6 months.
Review of meeting on April 19th.
 - i. Judith and Melissa - Send Membership Committee minutes to John Seay to post on the website.
 - ii. Membership Committee consists of seven members – Melissa Trevvett, Judith Kidd, Carol Caro, Ruthann Dobek, Janet Gelbhart, Elen Bic and Marsha Frankel.
 - iii. Decision to focus on communication not dues at this time.
- b. Follow-up on Ruth, Elenore and John's suggestions circulated at last meeting – see minutes posted on BrooklineCAN website.

3. Candidates Afternoon – scheduled for April 27th at 3pm

- a. Publicity
 - i. Communications Committee will send an email blast to publicize Candidates Afternoon April 27th at 3pm.
 - ii. Communications Committee will publish Candidates Afternoon on social media
 - iii. Email blast was sent by Diane Spiegel to the TMM Association listserv . (200-250 people)
- b. Questions for candidates
 - i. Send questions for candidates to Michael Allen at mallen@brooklinema.gov.
 - ii. Communications Committee - Produce post-Candidates Afternoon publicity.
 - iii. Ruthann will ask Michael to have access information available on Candidates Afternoon Zoom screen.

4. Update on Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles (Susan)

- a. Susan reported that WA9 (the budget) now includes a 4% increase for the CoA.
- b. Members will follow warrant articles WA27 & WA38 & WA39 to keep older adults in the discussions.

- c. WA27 is to submit a “home rule” to exempt bidding on Colonel Floyd reconstruction from restrictions.
- d. WA38 & WA39 relates to “family” housing on Newbury site to which Susan wants to add housing for seniors.
- e. Susan wants to prioritize senior housing over a new firehouse.

5. Update on Brookline Forward proposal

- a. Members will “keep an eye” on the Brookline Forward proposal.

6. Pedestrian Advisory Committee update (David)

- a. Members monitor progress on sidewalks, dining outside (leave space for waiting), automatic walk/don't walk issues.
- b. Members monitor progress on hedges blocking sidewalks.
- c. Brookline's current style of street lighting results in unwanted light coming into buildings, but the pedestrian-friendly street lighting being proposed, if done correctly, will not.
- d. Members will monitor pedestrian street lighting and consultant report when published.
- e. Monitor Carlton Street footbridge crosswalk and speed bump.
- f. Bikes and pedestrians to trigger flashing lights at crosswalks.
- g. Note presentation was made to Transportation Board and Police Department.

7. AARP Age-Friendly initiative

- a. Ruthann, Matt and Ruth - Work on AARP Age-Friendly initiative.

8. Discussion of Age Friendly Cities Committee

- a. Consider pedestrian street lighting as a subject for a joint effort by BrooklineCAN and Age-Friendly Cities Committee.

9. Review of BrooklineCAN as sponsor

- a. Issue raised by a citizen – Building a Better Brookline
 - i. Consider what it means to be listed as a sponsor by another organization or effort.
- b. LCAC can take a position and act - not BrooklineCAN.
- c. Members should carefully examine sponsor/support terms.

10. Nominating Committee

- a. Ruth, John, Ruthann and Yolanda are selected as the Nominating committee for Steering Committee positions.

11. Treasurers report (John Seay)

- a. Minor income but no issue.
- b. Note newsletter expense.
- c. Report is available in the Financial folder of Dropbox.

12. Committee reports

- a. Communications
 - i. Newsletter – Next newsletter is in production.

- ii. News Releases – Elenore will produce and distribute news release re Aborn Hardware.
 - iii. Website – No report.
 - iv. AFC-TV – Sandy Gadsby Episode 31 released.
 - b. Livable Community
 - i. Next meeting is May 10th at 3pm.
 - ii. Betsy Pollock will speak on shouting down ageism and finding your voice.
 - iii. Need to promote this session.
 - c. Education
 - i. Greg O'Brien "On Pluto" talk – 5/4, 1pm via Zoom.
 - ii. Spirituality group led by Hadassah Margolis.
 - iii. Paula Span talk on grandparenting – 6/9, 3pm via Zoom.
 - iv. Consider MIT AgeLab presentation: Reimagining Life in .the Post-COVID-19 Longevity Economy 1-2:15pm Thurs 5/13.
 - d. **Next Meeting**
 - i. May 19, 2021 3pm
- 13. Old & new business**
- a. Committee authorized Melissa to arrange for Steering Committee to purchase Zoom account.