

May 17, 2023

Attendees: Ruthann Dobek, Janet Gelbart, Susan Granoff, Yolanda Rodriguez, John Seay, Ruth Seidman, David Trevvett, Melissa Trevvett, Matt Weiss, Sonia Wong. Staff: Jessica Milley-Gee

1. Nominating Committee Report

- a. See chart at end of minutes.
 - i. Asked three expired terms (Carol Seibert, Janet Gelbart, Sonia Wong) to be reappointed for new 2-year terms.
 - ii. Melissa Trevvett has asked to step down and committee recommended that Bea Mikulecky replace Melissa for a 2-year term rather than complete Melissa's 1 remaining year.
 - iii. Asked David Trevvett to extend remaining 1-year term to a new 2-year term.
 - iv. Purpose was to achieve a better balance.
- b. Procedure
 - i. Today report presented and any changes proposed.
 - ii. June meeting is vote to accept.
 - iii. July new committee is in effect.

2. Update on Brookline's AARP Age-Friendly application

- a. Select Board agenda 4/25 but procedurally no vote happened.
 - i. Vote planned for next Select Board meeting.

3. BrooklineCAN priorities discussion; May financial solvency June: founding partners

- a. Financial solvency – Good shape because no annual meetings for last 3 years.
 - i. Project loss for next year.
 - ii. 350-400 members needed for solvency.
- b. Annual meeting publicity suggestions
 - i. Brookline Patch, Brookline.News, Real Estate Brokers.
 - ii. Provide information at Farmers Market
 - iii. Provide information at Town Meeting
- c. Discussion re start of BrooklineCAN
 - i. Ruthann – Provided advocacy that CoA could not provide.
 - ii. Accomplished important actions through activism.
 - iii. Membership committee worked to recruit members.

4. Discussion of BrooklineCAN Annual Meeting set for Thursday, September 7, 2023

- a. Next steps for Steering Committee
 - i. Goals: (Getting out/celebration, re-engage existing members, bring in new members)

- b. Speakers confirmed: Sigalle Reiss and Candace Cramer.
- c. Theme confirmed: “Reemerge and Reengage”
 - i. Perhaps “Reemerge and reengage with BrooklineCAN”
 - ii. Janet will work with theme and materials for save the date.
 - iii. John has template for save the date.
 - iv. Join us and reengage.
 - v. Butterflies emerging and reengaging?
 - vi. Bear coming out of hibernation?
- d. Discussion of food/beverage
 - i. Unanimous approval of \$5,500 budget.
- e. Entertainment secured – Brookline High School Jazz Band
- f. Timeline
- g. Review of meeting on 5/16
 - i. Planning committee expanded.
 - ii. Janet keeping master list of activities (timeline).
 - iii. Speakers confirmed.
 - iv. Reaching out to vendors for tables.
 - v. Tribute to Frank Caro.
 - vi. Identified 2 awardees – CoA and Kathy Burnes.
 - vii. Yolanda would accept award for CoA.
 - viii. Henry Winkelman working with printer for program.
 - ix. Discussed a short movie of people saying why they joined BrooklineCAN and what it has done for them. (Bea Mikulecky, Susan Granoff, David Trevvett, Matt Weiss)
 - x. Testimonies would be on Zoom.

5. Review of Candidates Forum – April 20th 4PM

- a. Praised by David in Note to Steering Committee.
- b. Forum was polite, informative and detailed.
- c. Matt to send thank you note to Michael Allen from Steering.
- d. Note – at least 200 people watched live.

6. Update on mailing BrooklineCAN newsletter to non-members

- a. Bea drafted the letter reviewed by Ruth and Ruthann.
- b. Janet reviews letter next.
- c. Need letter 3rd week in May for printer for end of May mailing.

7. Update on ARPA funding and COA budget FY24

- a. Override passed so CoA is receiving more money.
 - i. \$25k in Year 1 from override.
 - ii. \$100K Year 3 from override.
 - iii. \$65K from Advisory Committee for CoA strategic plan.
 - iv. \$35K for CoA transportation.
 - v. Based on Town Meeting approvals.
 - vi. Due largely to BrooklineCAN advocacy.

- b. ARPA funding
 - i. Additional \$50K for CoA transportation.
 - ii. Social isolation support.
 - iii. \$80K for EV van but no EV vans available (only cargo).
 - c. Rebranded CoA newsletter as Brookline Beacon.
- 8. Brookline Day – Sept. 10, 2023. Will remain in Coolidge Corner**
- a. No discussion required just keep it in mind.
- 9. Treasurers report (John)**
- a. No new expenses.
 - i. 3 months of newsletter expenses.
 - ii. Above 200 (206) members.
- 10. Committee reports**
- a. Membership
 - i. No report.
 - ii. John – Contact Lou Crimmins as possible membership lead.
 - b. Communications
 - i. Newsletter (Ruth) – Vaccine clinic (6/5), Historic Society (Annual Meeting), Sidewalk Sale (Senior Center).
 - ii. News Releases – Planning annual meeting releases.
 - iii. Website – All should visit website.
 - iv. AFC-TV – Chas Carey is next guest followed by Jen Paster.
 - c. Livable Communities
 - i. Next meeting June 12th.
 - ii. Amanda Hirst (Library Director)
 - iii. Raschid Balendeir (Chief Assessor) – Tax exemption for seniors.
 - iv. Report on Town Meeting results.
 - v. Re tax exemption – CoA and BrooklineCAN want to mirror Sudbury but Select Board wants further input from the senior community. (Need to sign up July and August)
 - vi. David – Raise tax questions for future discussion.
 - d. Education
 - i. No report.
- 11. Old & new business**
- a. None.
- 12. Next meeting: June 21, 2023 at 3:00pm via Zoom**

Attachment:

1.	Ruth Seidman	Co-chair	June 30, 2024	
2.	Elenore Parker	Vice-chair	June 30, 2024	
3.	John Seay	Treasurer	June 30, 2024	
4.	Matthew Weiss	Clerk	June 30, 2024	
5.	Janet Gelbart	At large	June 30, 2023 *	Continue
6.	Susan Granoff	LCAC	June 30, 2024	
7.	Yolanda Rodriguez	COA	June 30, 2024	
8.	Carol Seibert	At large	June 30, 2023	Continue
9.	David Trevvett	At large	June 30, 2024	Extend term
10.	Melissa Trevvett	At large	June 30, 2024	Bea Mikulecky
11.	Sonia Wong	At large	June 30, 2023	Continue

Steering Committee, 5/17/2023

Missing- representatives of Center Communities, Goddard House, JF&CS

* Janet assumed Judith Kidd's term which expired June 30, 2023.

Nominating Committee Recommendations

1. Nominate Janet Gelbart, Carol Seibert, Sonia Wong, & Bea Mikulecky
2. Nominate David Trevvett for two-year at large term.