

Becket Historical Commission Meeting

09/01/15

Present: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Gail Kusek, Jenn Beatty, Katherine Hoak

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from August were read and accepted with a minor correction. Jenn moved and to accept the amended minutes and Sandi seconded. Rita will post the amended minutes. **The commission will add Selectperson Angela Hilton and Katherine Hoak to the email list of minutes.**

Treasurer Report. The commission carried over \$1000* from last fiscal year. Our current balance is \$700 minus \$12 expense for the Church Community Calendar. All paperwork for the external hard drive has been submitted.

Communication.

John and Stephanie Lowell of Brooker Hill Rd asked the commission for a site visit which was completed in August. Rita emailed them with our suggestions regarding the old stone posts at the end of their driveway – there has been no response.

Barbara Crochiere Roberts donated a Becket Basket to the commission which is currently housed at the Mullen House. Rita has sent her a thank you.

Katherine Hoak was invited to a Historical Commission Meeting. She has been organizing the historical artifacts at the Becket Athenaeum. When she has completed her inventory, the commission has requested a copy to have on file at Town Hall.

Dave Bacon who is constructing our signs for North Becket, Becket Center and West Becket has been appropriated up to \$1000* for two signs to be completed by the end of September. We have not heard a response from him.

The Church asked the commission for a photograph from the Memorial Day festivities for use in the Community Calendar. Sandi provided a picture to them.

Old Business

Nothing regarding the Athenaeum Ad Hoc committee.

Directional Signs – see above to be done by the end of September

Computer for Historical Commission to be installed in September. It appears the room has been wired for this purpose as of September 1.

New Business

Organizing showcase labels in Becket Room. Sandi stated there are already extra 2"x4" labels that may be appropriate for this purpose.

Rita shared baseball memorabilia given to the Historical Commission by Roger Pelletier via Bob Podolski. It includes: a CD of pictures, 2 baseball jerseys including team photographs labeled

with player names. Rita went to Berkshire Historical Society and spoke with Will Garrison who suggested she speak to Larry Moore who is organizing a display of baseball memorabilia and they would love to display our artifacts.

Ed Gibson found a box of flags from the 250th Celebration. The commission is requesting these flags be stored here in our room as some residents wish to purchase flags. The proceeds will go to the town.

Sandi made a photo book of the pictures from the 250th Celebration. She has generously donated one to the Commission and one to the Becket Athenaeum.

The commission is aware that the town will need to choose a new Boston Post Cane recipient as our former holder, Peg, passed away. The select board is likely responsible for this.

The commission understands that the Becket flags that hang around town (there are six of them) have the state misspelled. Once the highway department takes these down, the commission is willing to look at them to see if we can remedy the mistake.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59. Sandi moved and Rita seconded.