

## Town of Becket Historical Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Historical Commission Office Becket Town Hall

Present: Sandi Jarvis, Gail Kusek, Rita Furlong

Guests: Sally Soluri, Susan Dworkin, David Drugmand

- I. Called to order at 6:02 P.M.
- II. May minutes approved
- III. Treasurer's Report: April's balance amended to \$1,443.50 May's balance amended to \$1,317.48 June's balance is \$1,178.99 following reimbursement expense account costs for: Rita-\$50.00 Color ink cartridges, Gail-\$60.00 for workshop entry fees, and Sandi-\$27.50 for acid free tissue paper for preservation articles.

We first decided to address the reason our three guests were present. Sally and Susan represented the Becket Arts Center and Dave Drugmand is the carpenter who will replace the doors on the Center. Our involvement was related to the authenticity of the new doors. Gail had done research on what the original doors looked like. Mr. Drugmand brought catalogues showing similar doors. A discussion was held concerning the doors, screens, sills, jambs, hardware, and fiberglass versus wood. The Arts Center hopes for our approval of the replacement doors. Consensus was reached. Gail also will research the original pain color of the building. Guests left.

- IV. Communications:
  1. Received an old cemetery deed from Claudia Wells. Rita will send her a thank you.
  2. Becket Art's Center sent a communication regarding the replacement doors.
  3. Sandi will send a thank you to the Becket Highway Department for putting up the pole banners again.
- V. Old business:

- A. Gail reported on one workshop she attended in Stockbridge on May 19 called "Preservation Management Strategies". A copy of that report is filed in the bottom left drawer left of the desk.
- B. Rita had called the Williamstown Art Conservation Center in Williamstown to see what they would charge for an appraisal of the Dewey portraits. It turns out that they do not do that. Sandi called Charles Flint, local art auctioneer. He will gladly donate his expertise and appraise them when we get them. Sandi will notify Will Blake and tell him that the town voted to approve a negotiation for their appraisal and purchase. The ATM voted up to \$3,500.00 for that purpose.
- C. We will hold off on any action on the Plan of Action on the agenda.
- D. Sandi is working on the Mullen House Basket Display collage.
- E. Directional signs should be up soon.
- F. Gail has donated a copy of a picture of the old bridge trolley on Worden Road.
- G. Rita brought a photo of Main Street probably after the flood in 1927. The photo was donated by Gale Andrade. Rita thanked her heartedly.
- H. Sandi researched the origin of the tall basket (at the Mullen House Basket Display) given to the commission years ago. The 2007 annual report stated that we received baskets and ephemera donated by Alice Ballou Morse, a relative of J.C. Ballou. Perhaps that is the giver of that particular basket. J.C. Ballou's grandson had given the town the metal railroad sign of BECKET at an earlier time. This sign is mounted on a frame at Ballou Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next meeting will be on July 11 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, Secretary pro-tem

