



**TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Place: Historical Commission Office, Becket Town Hall

Attendees: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, John Garvey, Katherine Hoak

Minutes

1. The Meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM.
2. The Minutes of the September 2019 were corrected (Munn-Coakley-Bates) and unanimously approved. Rita so moved and Katherine seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$4,442.69. Tentative, dependent on the auditor's determination.
4. Communication
 - a. Old: Shane Bates: Sandi & Rita have met with Shane on two occasions and made copies of everything in the two Bancroft albums (Munn-Coakley-Bates) he brought with him.
 - b. New:
 - c. 1) 10/09/19 Gary Clark, Asst. Director of Property at Becket Chimney Corners YMCA. They want to repair a section of the foundation wall of the Brewster House, built in 1786, and are seeking permission to do that. The House, listed in the Becket Center National Historic District, is now a historic archival museum. Some HC members will visit there; a time will be arranged.

2) Notice of Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, proposing to allow relief from the Zoning Bylaws to operate a Marijuana facility. No action was taken.

3) We received information from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It announced “the beginning of the MA Historical Commission (MHC) Fiscal Year 2020 Survey and Planning Grant cycle.” For it, “eligible applicants will include all local historical commissions, local historic district commissions, municipal planning offices, and other public and n-profit historic preservation organizations.”

5. Old Business

a. 21 Maple Street – plaque This has been ordered, but we have not been given the time frame when it will be delivered.

b. Microfilm finding aids – in progress

c. “Welcome to Becket” pole flags We’ll decide on these once we know the final cost of the Maple Street plaque.

d. The former Irene Coakley Munn Collection is now to be known as the Munn-Coakley-Bates Collection, as requested by donor Shane Bates.

e. Office organization: will continue shortly. The large cabinet on the right, in the corner, for rolled documents, needs to be organized.

f. Goals See: “Historical Commission Goals and Actions for Discussion” sheet, page 4

1. Publicity:

- a. We want to get the microfilm and artifacts online and available to the public.
- b. The signs in Ballou Park and Becket Center are faded. John will follow up for information so we can put up more durable, ultra-violet proof signs.
- c. Plaque--installation, dedication? Can occur when the ground is frozen. It'll be 18"x 18" in size.

4. e. Back-up files – move files from office computer to server and external drive.

6. New Business--None reported

7. Next meeting—November 12 at 3 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Clerk: W. Katherine Hoak

Chair: Sandi Jarvis

Historical Commission Goals and Actions for Discussion

1. Publicity
 - a. Online-microfilm, artifacts, 21 Maple Street, Dewey Portraits
 - b. Signs-Ballou Park, Becket Center?
 - c. Plaque-installation, dedication?
 - d. Becket Bulletin articles-21 Maple plaque, Munn-Coakley-Bates Collection
 - e. Pole Flags
 - f. Artifacts-list, description
2. Office Organization
 - a. Map cabinet-label cubbies, finding aid
3. Hardware
 - a. Computer-new?
 - b. Monitor-larger, new
 - c. Scanner-larger, new
 - d. Griscombe - vintage microfilm reader; disposal
4. Records (Keeping)
 - a. Historical microfilm Finding Aid
 - b. Munn – Coakley – Bates Collection
 - c. Inventory-update
 - d. Property-historic, buildings
 - e. Backup files-move files from office computer to server and external drive
5. Workshops