



**TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Place: Historical Commission Office, Becket Town Hall

Attendees: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, John Garvey

Minutes

1. The Meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM.
2. The Minutes were unanimously approved. Rita so moved and John seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$4,442.69. Tentative, dependent on the auditor's determination.
4. Communication
 - a. Old: None
 - b. New:
 - i. Becket Basket - Carol Lavra; appraisal request. Sandi sent her information on the basket factory in Becket and recommended that she contact Charlie Flint for an appraisal.
 - ii. Caroga Museum - Dudley Finke; request for biographical information on Jonathan Whitney Wheeler. Rita found entries in the Bicentennial History book related to his business activities in Becket with Bidwells and Claflins, Sandi will scan and send to him.
 - iii. Plymouth Archeological Rediscovery Project out of New Bedford, Massachusetts - Craig Chartier; archeological sites. This was a communication from Mr. Chartier offering his services to document archeological sites in Becket for a fee. No action taken.
5. Old Business

- a. 21 Maple Street – plaque. The plaque is finished, a photo was shared. Rich Atwood will still try to find some warm weather conducive to installing the plaque before winter sets in. The plaque will be installed in place.
- b. Brewster House and barn site visit. A brief discussion was held concerning the recent visit to the Brewster House and “The Nest” barn. The Commission appreciated that Gary Clark (Assistant Property Director, Camp Becket/Chimney Corners) invited them to visit and comment on the work they have planned. It was agreed that we should have photos of both sites, this goal was added to Goals and Actions document under Records; Property.
- c. “Welcome to Becket” pole flags: We will continue to wait until the final bills are in for the plaque.
- d. Office organization: No action
- f. Goals: See above for a goal added concerning pictures of the Brewster House and “The Nest” barn. Also added a goal to tour and get photos of the Baird Tavern under Records; Property.

6. New Business: Sandi mentioned to Bill Caldwell, Town Administrator, that the Commission needs a new computer and would like a larger monitor and scanner. He said he would look into whether there are surplus computers available. A larger monitor and scanner would probably not be available, this may have to put into a future Commission budget if we want them.

7. Next meeting—December 10 at 3 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Clerk Pro Tem: November minutes submitted by John Garvey

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
 - i. Photos of Brewster House, “The Nest” barn
 - ii. Tour and photos of Baird Tavern
 - e. Backup files-move files from office computer to server and external drive
5. Workshops