

TOWN of BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Place: Historical Commission office, Becket Town Hall

Attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Gail Kusek, Katherine Hoak

Guests: Tom Murray, Shirley Murray

The guests presented many items collected from Tom's mother's home. He gave them to the Historical Commission. We examined them and discussed many of them.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:12. We changed our Agenda order, moving New Business first, to accommodate our guests.
- II. The minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report: there have been no changes since the report at the January meeting.
- IV. Communications
 - A. Old
 1. Wade Inn-We have photos of this frame which was moved to New York.
 2. Historical Commission Annual Report: Sandi submitted the article to the Town Secretary before the deadline.
 3. Billiard/Pool Hall on Main Street, 1926 City Directory, Earl Geary: Sandi will contact the person interested in this Hall.
 - B. New
 1. Bob Banas wanted information on Boulder Grange. He's interested in buying the property to renovate and restore it as a private residence. Sandi spoke with him and emailed him information including our Inventory form, newspaper articles and photos, in particular images from a Boulder Grange booklet shared by Brenda Podolski.
 2. Office supplies order will be completed next month.
 3. We discussed the Mercedes Gallagher article by Paul A. London, Berkshire Eagle, 22 January 22, 2018.
 4. ZBA Special Permit application for 1725 Main Street (Map 210, Lot 33): a permit is needed to replace the front porch. There is no historical significance to this property, so the Historical Commission has no objection to this permit.

5. March 15, 2018 Western Massachusetts Local Historical Commission Workshop will focus on historical window restoration.

V. Old Business

- A. Dewey Portraits - CPC follow-up: Sandi has documentation for submission to the CPC.
 - B. MHC will determine the feasibility of a study on the restoration of the apothecary (1850's.) It's best to tackle this piece by piece, i.e., roof, basement, windows, etc. Sandi made the motion and Rita seconded it to give Gail permission to represent the Historical Commission as its liaison in regard to the apothecary and other town properties. All approved of this vote. We can apply for a 50/50 MHC Grant to do this feasibility study, but it cannot be done until we own the property.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.
- VII. The next meeting will be on March 6, 2018.

Submitted by,

Katherine Hoak, Secretary