

Town of Becket Historical Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Historical Commission Room at the Town Hall

Call to order: 6:05P.M.

Minutes of March 7th meeting approved with edits. Posted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$1,443.50

New expenses: 1. Reimbursement for office supplies \$33.90 to Sandi.

2. Ink for computer and brass plaque \$92.12 to Rita

Gail made a motion to purchase 100 sheets of acid free tissue paper for preservation purposes at a cost of \$33.05. Rita seconded. Passed

Communications:

1. Received invitation to Western Mass Historical Coalition lecture in Lenox on 4/5/17.
2. Received photos and sizes of the Dewey portraits from Ms. Gretchen Jaeger. Sandi sent them to the Doyle Auction House in NYC for auction price estimates. Ann DiPietro is the contact person that Sandi used. Portraits are 25 ¼" x 30" and frames are 32" x 37". Sandi will speak at the ATM on May 13th regarding the portrait request for \$3,500.00 if appropriate.

Old Business:

1. Dewey portraits: Sandi represented us at the Community Preservation Committee meeting on March 8 to request \$3,500 for the purchase of the two portraits. She also attended the Public Hearing on March 29th for the same purpose.

2. Plan of Action: Gail did hours of research on the Dewey family/s in Becket. She will put this in the computer when she has it all organized. Thank you for all the hard work Gail.
3. Gail also found pictures of The Becket Arts Center (Seminary Hall) showing the earlier doors. The Arts Center will be replacing them and it is hoped that they will install doors that look like the originals. They should be approved by this commission.
4. No action taken on the inventory.
5. Rita purchased a small brass plaque and we installed on the Becket Consolidated auditorium folding chair set in the town hall downstairs large meeting room.
6. We will take photos of our basket collection to place on a larger display plaque that will probably be placed at the Mullen House where most of the collection is displayed
7. . We'll collect photos and then create the design of the plaque.
8. Dave Drugmand will finish the 4' x 6' directional signs as soon as the weather allows.

New business:

1. Sandi and Gail will visit the Mullen House to take photos at some time in the future.
2. No other business.
3. Next meeting will be on Tuesday May 2,2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, Sec. Pro-tem