



**TOWN OF BECKET  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Becket Center Park Pavilion, next to Becket Town Hall

#### Minutes

1. Call to order at 3:05pm by Sandi Jarvis.

In attendance was Sandi Jarvis, Gail Kusek, Rita Furlong and John Garvey.

2. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the March 2020 meeting were approved (there were no meetings in April or May due to COVID-19).
3. Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was accepted. Rita will check on whether previous fiscal year amounts were carried over to this year.
4. Communications
  - a. Old-
    - i. Eliza R. Snow birth place in Becket - Gail will follow-up when she again has access to a computer.
    - ii. Query re: Amanda Barnes Smith - Gail will follow-up when she again has access to a computer.
    - iii. CPC letter of support, Re: First Congregational Church funding request, written by John, 11 Mar 2020
  - b. New-

- i. Helen Lyons, researching her Lydia Baird/Stedman families, looking for proof that Martha Amelia Stedman is Lydia's daughter [Sandi sent her information available from home, will research more when office is available]
- ii. John Hanson, researcher, literary origins of the epitaph verses on old New England gravestones, visited Becket Center Cemetery, would like to meet with HC [Sandi responded with invitation and HC meeting schedule]
- iii. Jeanette Thomas, Macrobiotic, questions about Becket's Community Preservation Fund; [referred her to Becket's Community Preservation Committee via their town link]
- iv. Stonehouse Properties agents ( Melissa DiMassimo and Patricia Andrew), requests for Seth Snow personal and house information. Sandi visited the house and took pictures inside and outside.
- v. Foresight Land Services (Peter Nikitas), Yokum Cemetery is it on town land? Sandi replied that according to the assessor's office it is on public land but we have no information beyond that.
- vi. Kathy Rodhouse query about demolition of 43-44 Pleasant Street. Sandi had email conversations with the building inspector. There are no current demolition plans but some houses in the depot area have been condemned. 43-44 is currently being rehabbed in multiple phases.
- vii. Town notifications

## 5. New Business

- a. Photos of Seth Snow House, interior and exterior, 16 March 2020, Sandi

## 6. Old Business

- a. Signage for Ballou Park and Parade Ground,

- i. Replacements- A motion was made to expend up to \$1,500 for the purchase and installation of three signs for Ballou Park and Becket Center Town Common/Parade Grounds. Motion was approved unanimously. John will order the signs.
- ii. QR code, Nina created an information link “Historical Facts” on the Historical Commission’s area of the town webpage, 16 Mar 2020; Sandi completed information and photos for Ballou Park shared on 24 March 2020 (waiting for Commission approval)
- b. Pole flags-Rita to check on current pricing. Rita reported that for 2 2-sided flags, 4 1-sided flags, and associated hardware would be about \$1,000. A motion was made to expend up to \$1,000 for the purchase of the flags and hardware.
- c. Art Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation- Sandi completed and shared an 80 slide PowerPoint presentation on 19 May 2020, (waiting for Commission and Becket Arts Center approval to post online)

It was voted to cancel the July Historical Commission meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.