



**TOWN OF BECKET  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Berkshire Room, Becket Town Hall

**Attendees:** Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, John Garvey, Katherine Hoak (Absent: Gail Kusek)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM.
2. The Minutes of the August meeting were approved by all who attended that meeting, as were the edited Minutes for February and June.
3. Treasurer's Report: there is \$2,000 in our account. (Rita)
4. Communications
  - a. Old
    - (i., ii., iii. were postponed because Gail wasn't present to respond to the queries she has been pursuing. Sandi, though, has a page of notes which she will send to Geoff Lincoln in re his inquiries for Silas Lincoln & Hannah (Luce) Lincoln who lived in Becket in the 1700s.
    - iv. John Hanson's presentation was postponed to 2021 because of Covid.
  - b. New
    - Notifications (Town): there were three (3), but none of them involved historical concerns, so the HC bypassed any involvement with them.
5. New Business: none
6. Old Business

- a. Signage for Ballou Park & Parade Ground: John has as yet not received any response, was told it would take 5-6 weeks when this was ordered.
- b. Pole flags, Rita We agreed we should wait until spring to have them installed.
- c. "Historical Facts" link on the Historical Commission's spot on the Town webpage; there was much discussion about the paragraphs, including these Historical Facts, to be included on the town webpage.)
  - 1. Bidwell/Ballou Parks
  - 2. Seminary Hall
  - 3. 21 Maple Street
  - 4. Pound
  - 5. Brewster House (wedding trees outside)
  - 6. Silk Ruins
  - 7. Becket Athenaeum
  - 8. Federated Church
  - 9. First Church
  - 10. Town Halls
  - 11. Cemeteries
  - 12. Mullen House (1845, built by L. White)
  - 13. Higley Apothecary
  - 14. Parade Grounds
- d. Art Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation posted on Becket Arts Center site
- e. Photos of Seth Snow House, interior & exterior, Sandi
- f. Portrait of Helen Day Flynn (Age 16) pf Becket, MA 1911-1999
- g. Office organization: there are plans to get back to this work as soon as it is possible.
- h. New members: we are not aware of anyone who wants at this time to join this Commission.
- i. Goal: continues to be to preserve and publicize Becket's historical structures, along with its history awareness and the HC's actions.
- j. Plan of Action: 21 Maple Street plaque dedication  
Photo Documentation historic buildings

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7. Next meeting—October 13 at 3 PM.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

W.Katherine Hoak

Secretary