



**TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Place: Berkshire Room, Becket Town Hall

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandi Jarvis at 3:11pm. In attendance: Gail Kusek, Rita Furlong, Sandi Jarvis, John Garvey, Katherine Hoak (phone), Charlie Flint (guest).
2. A motion was made by Rita, seconded by John, to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report – Rita reported no change from the December 2020 report. (\$713.04)
4. Communications
 - a. Old-John Hanson still interested in gravestone presentation this summer; his book is due out later this spring <https://mcfarlandbooks.com/product/reading-the-gravestones-of-old-new-england/>. A motion was made by Rita Furlong, seconded by Gail, to expend up to \$50 in commission funds to buy the book when it is available. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. New-
 - i. The upcoming town notifications were read (see below). A motion was made by John Garvey, seconded by Rita, to take no action on the upcoming and expired notifications. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Apr 14, amend Article 17 Town Betterment, Section 6 removing vehicle impeding snow removal etc., increase fine \$10 to \$25
2. May 4, 177 Mystic Isle Way Map 216 Lot 438, encroach on setback
3. May 4, 940 Bonny Rigg Hill Rd Map 416 Lot 29.13 use of camper during house construction
4. May 4, 0 Old Pond Rd Map 210 Lot 62, encroach on setback
5. Review expired notices.

ii. BAC request for letter of support: The Historical Commission did not hold meetings prior to the deadline to submit a letter of support for the BAC. No action.

iii. Publication – State Register of Historic Places 2020. Register will be available in the commission office.

iv. Postcard-MHC-Round 27, Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund. No action taken.

5. New Business

- a. Alice Ballou Morse shared family/business items, Sandi scanned items, Rita checked nails for magnetism with our Ballou baskets. The Morse family may visit in the summer, a tour of available materials will be arranged if requested.
- b. Request from Ellen, Rita, and Mark for information on Dream Away. Sandi has sent what information the commission has in records.
- c. Vote for CPC member before June 30, 2021. Motion from Sandi, seconded by Rita, to appoint John Garvey as the CPC representative from the Historical Commission. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Query from David Levinson re: Moorish Science Temple/Convention 1944 in Becket. Sandi has sent what information the commission has in records.

- e. Query from Gary Winsor re: Revere Bell. Rita will send information from Commission, church and personal records.
- f. 6 Apr 2021 Sandi participated in “Outreach and Community Engagement” by Zoom workshop presented by Chris Skelly, MHC.

6. Old Business

- a. “Historical Facts” additional articles completed, this item is not considered complete at this time. The Atheneum and school will be informed about this resource.
- b. List of past commissioners; recognition. John will work on this when the town hall is open with no restrictions.
- c. Becket Bulletin. No action.
- d. 43 Pleasant St. sign-off request. The Historical Commission signed off on this request, with suggestions. The request was approved before the commission sign-off.
- e. BAC follow-up Power Point presentation about the history of the BAC itself; to make a more manageable task going to focus on first decade 1970s-1980
- f. Portrait of Helen Day Flynn (Age 16) of Becket, MA 1911-1999. Charlie Flint presented the portrait to the town (through the Historical Commission). Much discussion about Helen Flynn and her time here in town. The Commission expressed their appreciation to Mr. Flint and his wife Joy for their generosity.
- g. Office organization. No action.
- h. New members. No action.
- i. Goal – Preserve and publicize Becket’s historical structures
 - i. Becket history awareness-Historical Facts page. This task is considered complete at this point.

- ii. Becket Historical Commission actions-Becket Bulletin; Annual Town Report.

- j. Plan of Action

- i. 21 Maple Street plaque dedication-Spring

- ii. Signage for Ballou Park and Parade Ground. John will contact Dave Shorey about next steps for sign installation.

- iii. Pole flags-Spring

- iv. Photo Documentation historic buildings-When safe

- v. Becket Bulletin

- 7. Next meeting – May 11 at 3:00 PM

- 8. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Minutes submitted by John Garvey (Clerk Pro Tem)