

TOWN of BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Meeting Time: 6 PM

Meeting Place: Historical Commission Office, Becket Town Hall

Attendees: Sandi Jarvis (President,) Rita Furlong (Treasurer,) Katherine Hoak (Clerk)

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM.
- II. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Sept. 6th, were unanimously accepted, without any changes.
- III. Treasurer's report was same as last month, no changes.
- IV. Communications
 - A. Old
 1. We discussed the Dewey portraits. The BOS requested that Will Blake, who owns them, get a professional appraisal of them. We wondered if we could get funding through the Community Preservation Act. Rita will investigate this possibility.
 - B. New
 1. ZBA Re: 2 Lady Lucille, Map 215 Lot 182--This plot is in Sherwood Forest. We took no action.
 2. Phone call in re: demolition of former Camp Tamarac building on Yokum Pond, a camp started in 1916. We are concerned that we had not received a call before the demolition took place. We want to be able to get a photo before a demolition takes place. Sandi will speak with Ed to see if this policy could be put in place. Becket has a demolition law. A building has to

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be part of the historic district or on the inventory for us to have a say as to whether a building can be demolished. Decisions must be based on promoting the public welfare and preserving the cultural heritage of the town. There are procedures in place that determine the process to be followed.

3. Veteran's History Grant: no action was taken.

v. Old Business

- A. Dewey portraits: previously discussed
- B. CPC, appointment to this board, report: discussed. Gail will represent our board on the CPA, and Katherine will be the alternate.
- C. Directional Signs: Dave Drugmand has the signs and will work with them shortly to install them.
- D. Filing, organizing and categorizing Historical Commission artifacts: this has been an ongoing process.
- E. Forms - review/accept Sandi has made an Index spreadsheet form and a Deed to Donation form to be used from now on to insure the organization of Historical Commission artifacts.
- F. Plan of Action: this will be handled next month because we ran out of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine Hoak, Clerk

-----President -----Date