



**TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Place: Berkshire Room, Becket Town Hall

In attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Tim Sullivan, Gail Kusek (arrived 3:16pm)

1. The meeting was called to order by SJ at 3:11pm.
2. A motion was made by SJ to approve the minutes from the September 2021 meeting, seconded by JG. Passed unanimously (RF abstains).
3. Treasurer's Report – RF reports \$713.04 should be carried over from FY2021, this will be certified in October. We have all of FY2022 funds remaining.
4. Communications
 - a. Old- None.
 - b. New-
 - i. Town notifications - None.
 - ii. Katherine Hoak resignation letter, BOS letter. The resignation letter from Katherine was read, along with the acknowledgment and thank you from the select board. A discussion was held about how to thank Katherine for her years of service. RF will communicate with the Commission when she has scheduled an office visit with Katherine and any available Commission members may stop in and say thank you to Katherine.

- iii. David Weissbrod, Washington HC, re: Gravestone repair. JG suggested he contact Worthington Historical Society and Becket Cemetery Commission for assistance.
- iv. Dan Alden, re: Who was Captain Whitney Road named for? We will pull together available information for next meeting.
- v. Jeannette Thomas, re: Jarvis Norcott, state representative and year his house at 3425 Main St. was built; Sandi sent MACRIS form. Some additional information was identified during the meeting which will be sent by SJ.
- vi. Sonia Morrison, Otis HC, invitation to share information. Will keep Sonia's contact information and reach out when we have something to share.
- vii. Query from Athenaeum concerning the map reprinted in 1994, they only have a few left. Rita will bring some down.

5. New Business

- a. GK reported that the Becket Arts Center will be working on a grant proposal through the Smithsonian for an exhibit. GK will work with the BAC on this proposal.
- b. GK will try to obtain the entrance stone from the Apothecary to use as a future monument, and will also get the historic plaque off the building.

6. Old Business

- a. House plaques. JG reports no action on this item.
- b. Cemetery presentation October 2, 2021 at 2PM
 - i. John Hanson
 - ii. Co-sponsors: Becket Arts Center, Athenaeum, Cemetery Commission

- c. 21 Maple Street plaque dedication. It was discussed that this may not happen, or perhaps just something with some students from the elementary school.
- d. List of past commissioners; recognition. JG reports no action on this item.

7. Next meeting – October 12 at 3:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Minutes provided by John Garvey, clerk pro tem.