



**TOWN OF BECKET  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:08pm. In attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Gail Kusek, Katherine Hoak (phone), Tim Sullivan, John Garvey.
2. A motion was made by Sandi Jarvis to approve the minutes from the June 2021 meeting. Seconded by John Garvey. Approved unanimously. Tim Sullivan abstained.
3. Treasurer's Report – no change in the balance (\$713.04)
4. Communications
  - a. Old-
    - i. Cemetery presentation: The presentation by John Hanson will be October 2 at 2pm. Co-sponsors: Becket Arts Center, Athenaeum, Cemetery Commission. Sandi Jarvis is working on a flyer. John Garvey will write a press release.
    - ii. David Levinson, follow-up re: Moorish Science Temple article;  
[www.africanamericanrail.org/the-story/moorish-science-temple/](http://www.africanamericanrail.org/the-story/moorish-science-temple/)
    - iii. Bob Hirsch, re: house plaque; letter from Rob Gordon 2009. John Garvey presented some research he has done on signage. It was decided that he would come to the next meeting with a proposal for Becket.

b. New-

- i. Town notifications: John Garvey moved that the Historical Commission take no action on the below notifications, seconded by Sandi Jarvis.

Passed unanimously.

- 1. 0 King Richard Drive

- 2. 0 Quarry Road

- 3. 104 Alan A Dale Road

- ii. Phone call request Christine Touponce. Re: Smith family, Silk Mill, Gail will follow up if necessary.

- iii. Queries from David Meyers re: Indian Lakes Association: Sandi found an original association map and will notify the association. Tim Sullivan added that the police chief has information and history of the dam.

- iv. Phone call, Todd Maisel, re:911 presentation and exhibit; Arts Center. Historical Commission will be a co-sponsor.

- v. Sandi Jarvis has sent Historical Commission news for Town Bulletin to Bill Caldwell and Beverly Gilbert, July 9

- vi. Jenn Doherty, new Local Government Programs Coordinator at MHC

- vii. Katherine Hoak announced that she would be resigning from the Historical Commission. The Commission expressed their regret that Katherine would be resigning and thanked her for her service.

5. New Business

- a. Appointment application, Tim Sullivan

- b. Community Calendar-Sandi Jarvis moved that we purchase a calendar for \$12.  
Seconded by Gail Kusek, passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

- a. House plaques: John Garvey will present recommendations at the next meeting.
- b. List of past commissioners; recognition. John Garvey will work on as time permits.
- c. Office organization-When safe

7. Next meeting – September 14 at 3:00 PM

Minutes submitted by John Garvey Pro Tem.