



**TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Place: Berkshire Room, Becket Town Hall

Minutes

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1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandi Jarvis at 3:09pm. In attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Katherine Hoak, John Garvey, Gail Kusek (3:30pm).
2. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Rita Furlong to approve the minutes from the April 2021 meeting. Seconded by Sandi Jarvis. Approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report – No change from April report.
4. Communications
 - a. Old-Deed of Gift form, Charlie and Joy Flint, re: Helen Day Flynn portrait. Sandi Jarvis reported that the Flints have returned the Deed of Gift form.
 - b. New-

- i. Appointee forms for John Garvey to Community Preservation Committee. Appointment forms were signed by Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong and Katherine Hoak.
- ii. Sign-off Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Ted Shawn Theater; A motion was made by John Garvey to sign off on the Jacob's Pillow plans. Seconded by Rita Furlong. Passed unanimously.
- iii. Town notifications: None
- iv. Eagle newspaper article, 3 May 2021 re: First Congregational Church. Sandi Jarvis and Rita Furlong report that we have both digital and print copies of the article for our records.
- v. Board of Assessors, new Axis GIS Internet-based service, suggestions for historical district layer, etc.? In a general discussion Commission members expressed interest in the possibilities presented with this software. This will be brought up again next year when there is more expertise and experience in town with designing overlays.

5. New Business

- a. Thank you letter to the Flints: Sandi Jarvis reported that she has written a thank-you note to the Flints, this was signed by Commission members.

6. Old Business

- a. "Historical Facts" new link from Home page, John Garvey suggestion. No action.
- b. List of past commissioners; recognition. John Garvey will work on this when the town hall opens permanently.
- c. "Outreach and Community Engagement" 6 Apr 2021, Zoom workshop presented by Chris Skelly, MHC. Sandi Jarvis forwarded notes of this workshop to members email.

- d. BAC follow-up Power Point presentation about the history of the BAC focus on first decade 1970s-1980. Sandi Jarvis will be presenting the first decade history at the Becket Arts Center on Monday, June 7 at 7pm.
- e. John Hanson presentation. Still hoping to do this presentation in the summer/fall of 2021. The Becket Arts Center, Cemetery Commission and Becket Athenaeum have all expressed interest in co-sponsoring the event.
- f. Office organization-Will be worked on as the town hall re-opens.
- g. New members: No action.
- h. 21 Maple Street plaque dedication- It was decided that this dedication will be moved to the fall when the pavilion will be completed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm.

Minutes provided by Clerk Pro Tem John Garvey.