

Town of Becket Historical Commission

557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Meeting Time: 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Place: Historical Commission Office, Becket Town Hall

Attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, (3:40 Gail Kusek)

Absent: John Garvey, Tim Sullivan

Guests: Robert Harrison, and owners of town property at 3307 Main Street

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 3:40

Minutes of August meeting: no quorum to accept them.

Treasurer's Report: no change since August meeting

Communications:

a. New:

- i. No town notifications
- ii. Request for meeting with Robert Harrison, Berkshire Design regarding home at 3307 Main Street (see new business)
- iii. Query from Nichole and Adam Green regarding Higley House on Route 8 (Sandi sent them what information we have).
- iv. Query from Bob Gale regarding Gleed/Glede family of Becket (Sandi responded and send them what information we have).
- v. Query by Alex Covill regarding property at 1616 South Washington in town of Washington. Sandi sent what information we have.
- vi. Sandi also followed up on information on Alexander and Amy[Ame] Stewart.

b. New Communications: none

New Business:

- a. Decided to move the November meeting to Nov. 1 as the regular scheduled meeting would be on National Voting Day.
- b. Upon discovering that the home at 3307 Main Street is not in the North Becket Historic District, the presentation by Robert Harrison, Berkshire Design was unnecessary and just a brief overview of the owner's intended improvements was given.
- c. Discussion held regarding the lack of a Purple Heart Sign, a Right to Farm Community Sign, and a Heart Healthy Sign (to note that Becket has defibrillator machines available) on town border entrance signs. Awareness of this lack will be made to the town administrator.

Old Business:

- a. Town administrator has notified us that the proper procedure for disposing of unneeded items is the following: Advertise on town web site for a period of 30 days, (Sandi will send description and photos of said items to administrator), then at our Nov. 1 meeting a drawing will take place to determine who will be awarded the following items: wood shipping pieces, metal stand, old computer, hardware from shipping crates. Winner's data will be recorded and filed.
- b. Rita met with the COA and determined that they would be proud to have the Harris portraits be hung in the Community Room. It was suggested that we also hang the Brewster portraits there as well. (to be determined). Brass plaques will be purchased to label the portraits.
- c. No determination yet as to Alysa Austin's offer of the family Bible. Suggested that a copy of any family information recorded there in be sent to us. Church does not show any interest in acquiring the Bible nor do we as we are not positive that the original owner of it was a pastor in Becket.
- d. No action on the GPS software
- e. No action on Historic Building Plaques.

Next meeting will be October 11 at 3:00 PM at the Becket Town Hall

Following meeting will be Nov. 1 at 3:00 at the Becket Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, Secretary pro-tem