



**TOWN OF BECKET  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Historical Commission Office, Becket Town Hall

## **Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:07pm by Chair Said Jarvis. In attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Tim Sullivan, John Garvey
2. A motion was made to approve the June 2022 minutes by RF, seconded by SJ. Passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report: RF reports no activity in the Historical Commission account from last meeting.
4. Communications
  - a. Old-
    - i. Stand from Dewey Tavern Sign: It was decided to send a letter to the Selectboard informing them that the Historical Commission no longer needs the stand, and that three people have expressed an interest in using it for non-town purposes; Dave Shorey, Gail Kusek and Tim Sullivan, in that order.
    - ii. Query from Marilyn Moored regarding her Wright ancestors. SJ responded.

b. New-

- i. Town notifications: None
- ii. Query from Alex Covill regarding family property at 1616 South Washington State Road, Washington, MA. SJ responded.
- iii. Query from Kate Sullivan, regarding her family's Ballou Basket: SJ responded.
- iv. Query from Alysia Austin, regarding her family's Bible: RF said that the church would be interested if the bible was owned by a minister from the church but Reverend Austin was not a minister in the First Church or any other church in Becket according to our records. If there are genealogical records (birth/death/marriage) the historical commission would be interested in scans of the material but not in the bible itself.
- v. Query from Tyringham Historical Commission, regarding differences in Becket's Historical Commission and Historical Society: SJ responded.
- vi. Regarding her Becket Ancestors Alexander and Amy [Ame] Stewart, and their two sons: SJ and Gail Kusek responded.

5. New Business

- a. Becket-Washington Community Calendar: A motion was made by JG, seconded by TS, to have the historical commission meetings included in the calendar for \$12.00. Note that the November meeting will be moved to November 15 due to the election.
- b. TS would like to sign out the copy of the 1776 map to make multiple large color copies. This is a standard sign-out request, no vote necessary. TS will check if the scanners upstairs can do color copies that large, if not he will take it somewhere to be copied.

## 6. Old Business

- a. Harris oil paintings-placement: RF will speak to the COA about displaying the paintings in their room. If they are okay she will inform the Selectboard.
- b. Historic Building Plaques: No report.
- c. GPS Software: No report.
- d. New dehumidifier maintenance: Commission members are reminded that any time they are in the town hall they should empty the dehumidifier.
- e. Town Hall Cupola: Commission members are in agreement that restoration and reinstallation of the town hall cupola is something that should be pursued through the CPA Committee. The application is due by February 1 and an updated bid will be necessary before then. It was decided to keep it on the agenda and discuss each month what actions needs to be taken at what time.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Minutes provided by John Garvey, Clerk.