



**TOWN OF BECKET  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022

**Meeting Time:** 5:00 PM

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

## **Minutes**

Attendees: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, John Garvey

1. There being a quorum, meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by chair SJ.
2. A motion was made by RF to accept the minutes from the November 2022 meeting.  
Seconded by SJ, passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report – RF reported expenditures totaling \$49.69 for cabinet casters and quilt rod.
4. Old Business
  - a. SJ and RF reported that the portrait displays located in Community Room are complete without captions. SJ presented drafts of the captions. The tables and chairs still need to be moved out of the way to properly view the portraits.
  - b. Purple Heart Sign, a Right to Farm Community Sign, and a Heart Healthy Sign. No action was taken on this item.
  - c. Historic Building Plaques - No report.
  - d. GPS Software - No report.

- e. Follow-up: Alysa Austin query regarding her family's Bible. No response from Alysa from the last email.

## 5. New Business

- i. CPA grant for Town Hall cuppola restoration. RF reports that she has an estimate for the construction and installation of the cupola for \$24,163 from Bancroft Custom Woodwork. This estimate can be used in the CPA grant application but the actual work would need to be put out to bid. This estimate does not include engineering or architectural work. The deadline for CPA grant applications is the end of February but RF would like to get the details worked out in early January.
- ii. Ballou Park retaining wall repairs. As at the last BHC meeting it was discussed that this project might be a good candidate for Community Development Block Grant funding, in which case the Selectboard would need to initiate action on it.
- iii. The budget request for the next fiscal year was discussed. Suggestions were:
  - Replace damaged "Welcome to Becket" flags and hardware
  - Travel and training
  - 3-in-1 printer/copier/scanner
  - General office expenses
  - Archival materials
  - GPS software licenses
  - Picture frames
  - Shelving to replace the reclaimed wooden shelving

## 6. Communications

- a. New-
  - i. Jodi Shafiroff queries about former Becket Athenaeums. SJ responded.
  - ii. Town notifications: None
- 7. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm by RF, seconded by SJ and passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by John Garvey, clerk.