

HISTORICAL COMMISSION Minutes

Town of Becket

557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223

August 1, 2017, 6 PM

Historical Commission Office, Becket Town Hall

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM.
- II. The July minutes were approved.
- III. The treasurer's report indicated that there is a balance of \$1,666 in our account.
- IV. Communications
 - A. Old: Sandi met with Will Dewey Blake in the Big Y parking lot and received the two Dewey portraits from him. Rita has submitted an invoice to the Town's treasurer. The cost of the portraits will be paid for from the CPA account.
 - B. New:
 - 1) We received an invitation from the Becket Arts Center to attend its Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Reception at 5:30 PM, Tuesday evening, August 8, 2017 at the Center.
 - 2) CPC: Gail will continue to serve as our representative on the CPC. Rita made this motion and Sandi & Katherine approved it.
 - 3) As requested by Chris Skelly, we provided updated member & contact information to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.
 - 4) Alice Ballou Morse called Rita to tell her that her grandmother, Gertrude, had made a quilt which she will donate to the H.C.
 - 5) We received a notification from The Becket Federated Church of the dates which appear on their 2018 Community Birthday Calendar. Historically, we have listed our meetings on their calendar. It was noted that we meet the first Tuesday of each month. Their being listed will cost \$12.00. Those dates will be Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6, Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 13 (Election Day correction,) Dec. 4. We voted to include these dates on that calendar. Sandi made the motion, Rita seconded and all approved.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Dewey Portraits
 1. Sandi will send a thank you note to Charles Flint for his appraisal of the portraits.

2. Next steps:

a., b. Their care and preservation, i.e., how can they best be preserved? First, we'll put them on the wall upstairs on the ground floor in Town Hall . We can then speak with Charles Flint to learn how to preserve them.

c. We would provide signage indicating how they were purchased (through a grant from CPC.) An 8 1/2x11" sign is required.

d. We would have an unveiling ceremony. The date is to be determined. Honored guests would include W. Blake, C. Flint, Board of Selectmen.

B. Office organization: Katherine is working on the files in the cabinet, has almost completed the top drawer.

C. Plan of Action: Gail has done an enormous amount of work cataloging the North Becket Historic District and making an inventory for each building.

VI. New Business: we earlier discussed the presentation we will make of the Dewey portraits.

VII. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Katherine Hoak, Secretary