



**TOWN OF BECKET**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023

**Meeting Time:** 5:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Berkshire Meeting Room, Becket Town Hall (Zoom Info listed at the end of this agenda)

In attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Gail Kusek, John Garvey

### **Minutes**

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:08pm
2. Approval of Minutes – April 2023: RF moved that the minutes from the April meeting be approved, seconded by SJ. Passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report: RF reports there is \$1,059.46 left in our FY2023 account. She has also determined that there is \$656.40 left in a Gift and Donations Account earmarked for the Historical Commission. This represents gifts directly to the Historic Commission some years ago.
4. Communications
  - a. New-
    - i. Town notifications: None
    - ii. Query from Bob Hirsch concerning his house on County Road. JG contacted Mr. Hirsch and explained that his house is listed on MACRIS but is not a listed building by itself and is not in one of the national historic districts. He is satisfied with the MACRIS listing. He said he would like a plaque when we activate that program.
    - iii. Query from Carol Lew of Washington concerning Alvah Eames diary. JG answered that the Commission is not aware of this diary or its possible location. It was suggested that she check with the Becket Athenaeum to see if it is in their local history room.

- iv. Tom Broga query trying to verify various burial dates: RF will respond.
- b. Old
  - i. Query from Bill McAvoy, Leonhardt Rd.: SJ has sent him information we have on that area and location. He has invited the Historic Commission to view the area and the cellar hole. SJ will get possible dates from him.
  - ii. Purple Heart, Heart Healthy, Right to Farm signs: RF will follow-up with the BOS and Highway Dept. concerning these signs.
- 5. Old Business
  - a. CPA grant for Town Hall cupola restoration: SJ has printed out photos and written captions for them. RF will coordinate setting up a display at the town meeting, it will not need to be manned.
  - b. Portraits in Community Room: RF and JG will coordinate a time to organize the portraits and add the captions.
  - c. Historical Facts update with portrait information: SJ will see to having the portrait information added to the Historic Commission facts pages of the town website.
  - d. Historic Building Plaques: JG reports no action
  - e. Massachusetts State Archive maps: JG reports no action.
  - f. Office color printer/copier/scanner: SJ will look into purchasing this item using FY2023 funds.
- 6. New Business: None
- 7. Next meeting – June 13 at 5:00 PM, Becket Town Hall

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:06pm by RF, seconded by SJ. Passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by John Garvey, clerk.