

# HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017 6 PM

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.
- II. Minutes to the April meeting were accepted.
- III. Treasurer's Report: our line in the budget has been increased by 29% for FY 2018. Our balance was \$1493.50 before the purchase of office supplies and a brass plaque for the school folding chairs in the Community Room, resulting in the present balance of \$1317.48. There is \$656.40 in the gift account.
- IV. Communications
  - A. Old: Blake/Jaeger Dewey Portraits update
    1. Sandi has print-outs of information provided by family and has shared it with members.
    2. We have an estimate of the value of the portraits from the Doyle auction house which can be used with the Blake's who have owned the portraits for generations. This is a fair preliminary appraisal of the value of the portraits.
  - B. New: Workshops
    1. We received information from MHC.
    2. Pittsfield Sun articles, assessment of what was in Becket in 1841.
- V. Old Business: Dewey portraits at upcoming Town Meeting
  - A. Ask for a table in the hallway to acquaint residents with the Historical Commission; have slideshow running.
  - B. Plan of Action
    1. Historical Property-expansion of North Becket Historic district: Gail is researching, investigating buildings there.
    2. Inventory: Gail is working on the forms for this.
    3. Our baseball uniforms are on display at the Berkshire Mall, along with those of many other towns, along with those of professional players.
  - D. Mullen House: photo collage and display locations of baskets made in Becket.

E. Directional signs: these will be in place as soon as Dave can get to them. Some work has already been completed to set them up.

VI. New Business

1. application for a solar field near Tanglewood Circle
2. Rita made a motion for one of us to attend three workshops to be held in Western Massachusetts during May & June at a cost of \$60. Each. All were in favor of this.

VII. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Katherine Hoak

Secretary