



**TOWN OF BECKET  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM

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

**Attendees:** Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Gail Kusek, John Garvey, Katherine Hoak

### **Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:14 PM.
2. All present approved, as corrected, the minutes of the August, 2019 meeting.
3. The Treasurer's Report: \$2,017, with the possibility of a roll-over of the previous balance of \$2,425.69 being added to the current balance.
4. Communications
  - a. Old-
    - i. BOS/Town Supervisor, determined that the Griscombe vintage microfilm reader may be disposed of.
    - ii. "Becket Historic Records" will be available to the public online once we create a finding aid system. Beverly, Town Secretary, has been helpful and will continue to help us with organizing and labeling each topic in the Records.
    - iii. AA Cemetery Services—options were discussed, decisions were made on the 18" x 18" plaque we have ordered. Both the letters and the house appearing on it will be raised. We finally voted to give Sandi the right to go ahead with our order!
  - b. New-

We received a Notice of Public Hearing for a request submitted by Susan K. Frisbie regarding 34 Western Avenue, to allow relief from Becket Zoning Bylaws. We voted to take no action.
5. Old Business
  - a. 21 Maple Street-plaque We discussed this above.

- b. Bancroft Information provided by Shane Bates. Sandi & Rita met with Shane on two extended occasions, going over the newly donated Munn-Coakley-Bates Collection containing files & albums. Material was scanned, and photocopies made of the Bancroft Mill information. Sandi also shared numerous HC files with Shane. The collaboration between Shane and the HC will continue in the future.
- c. William G. Pomeroy Foundation historical markers; these are legitimate markers according to the research John has done on this Foundation. What appears on the marker when ordered is already pre-determined. One is available per district. We are not ordering one at this time.
- d. Local Landmark Ordinance John investigated this, as well. It doesn't appear to be warranted in Becket. Individual homeowners may pursue landmark status if they wish.
- e. Office organization-- to be continued.
- f. "Welcome to Becket" pole flags—to be continued.
- g. Plan of Action—to be continued.
- h. Goals—to be continued.

#### 6. New Business

We plan to request a new computer for the Historical Commission. The recycled computer we have is showing its age and the USB ports no longer work. The ports are needed because of all the research that we do outside the office and import with the USB connections. We also back-up our files on an external hard drive in addition to the server. A larger monitor would be beneficial to display information during our meetings and as we work a lot with maps and photos. In addition to a larger monitor, a larger flatbed scanner would also be helpful.

- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM.
- 8. The next meeting will be on October 8 at 3 PM.