

HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TOWN of BECKET

December 6, 2016, 6 pm

Attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Gail Kusek, Rita Furlong, Katherine Hoak

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm.

II. Minutes of the Nov.1, 2016 meeting were approved after minor improvements were inserted.

III. Treasurer's Report: \$1,493.50 available

IV. Communications

A. Old—

Dewey Portraits Sandi sent a copy of the extensive email between her and Will Blake (owner of the portraits) in Bath, ME to Ed Gibson. Decisions about the purchase of the portraits are on-going.

B. New—

-Emails on behalf of the Historical Commission are official documents according to MA Attorney General, so they need to be kept.

- Sandi donated a binder for Deeds to Donation of Papers and Historical Materials to the Historical Archives, "Deed of Gift."

-There was a meeting between Ted Greenwood (Arts Ctr. Representative,) Ed Gibson, Bill Girard to discuss the new lift to be built in the Ctr. No deed restriction could be found to affect the lift.

-There's a bin of old family artifacts of the Smith-Ballou family. Carol Estes may donate it to HC. It contains silk mill artifacts, photo albums, letters, etc.

V. Old Business

A. Becket Arts Center (See above)

B. CPC Gail was unable to attend meeting on Nov. 16th. CPC approved the updated application form that will be on the town's website under CPC.

C. Directional Signs: the posts are up, thanks to Rita and Sandi. Putting the signs up is in progress.

D. Filing, organizing and categorizing HC artifacts is in progress.

E. Plan of Action

1. Photos

2. Publicizing Historical Commission #1-4 Nothing new added

3. Links on Town website, Athenaeum

4. Historical Property Survey of town

