

Becket Historical Commission - May Minutes

May 3rd 2016

Present: Jenn, Rita, Sandi, Gail and Katherine

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Minutes from last meeting: The minutes were read from April. No corrections were needed. Rita moved we accept the minutes as submitted and Gail seconded – passed unanimously

Treasurer's report: No change since April as we have had no expenses in the last month.

Communication:

Old – None

New

The MA History Conference will in June 13th in Worcester. The cost is \$90 per person. Sandi made a motion to pay for one member to attend and Jenn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission received a postcard and letter from Lowell Joerg from CA of the pillars in front of the former Dreamland property. He wrote an amusing letter about his wife thinking he was crazy for writing to us and requested \$5 for his costs. Ed Gibson replied to his request and copied both letters for us. Sandi scanned the postcard and the letters will be archived. Rita will email a copy of the postcard to the Lowell family who currently owns the property.

Rita brought a stack of postcards she found while antiquing in Maine of the former Summit House on Jacob's Ladder Road. This prompted us to look at our other postcards of the property to see which ones we did not already have.

Old Business:

Gail brought a new color printer cartridge that she no longer needed. Thank you Gail! Sandi has priced the black and white cartridges and they run about \$43 per cartridge. Rita agreed to pick up the needed cartridge as she has a \$10 reward certificate with Staples. Thank you Rita!

Jenn requested two quotes for replacement of the maps that go into the directional signs. Locally, Massive Graphics can print the signs at a cost of between \$160-\$200 - depending on lamination. This is far more expensive than what we paid in 2010 for all 3 signs. Jenn also requested a price quote from Windsor Marketing, but haven't heard back yet. Rita moved we use the damaged sign with our plexiglass for West Becket and order 1 sign for Becket Center. Sandi seconded – motion passed unanimously.

Katherine created a content log that lists our inventory and archives. Thank you Katherine! Next she will look at our newspapers and large maps.

New Business:

Sandi was contacted by David Cooper who appeared at the Becket 250th as a Civil War Reenactor. He requested copies of 2 of the photo books that Sandi assembled after the event. Again, the commission would like to get an oral history from him, Skip Saville and Izzy Salvani. There is a treasure trove of knowledge!

The Committee decided to not hold a July meeting as the meeting would be the day after July 4th.

Jenn moved to close the meeting at 7:30 and Sandi seconded. The next meeting will be on June 7th at 6 pm.