

Town of Becket Historical Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Historical Commission Office, Becket Town Hall

Called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the May, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report delayed because no bill presented for photo copies yet.

Communications:

1. Sandi updated information on the person concerned about the Becket Pool Hall location on Main Street many years ago. See pool hall folder.
2. Leonard Spencer, former Becket resident, contacted all of us regarding the saving of the Higley Apothecary on Pleasant Street.
3. Received a letter from David Dunton regarding the naming of the Buckley (Bulkley) Dunton Reservoir on County Road. Sandi did research and responded to him with said research. See Buckley Dunton Reservoir folder in file.
4. Received notice of conference on Massachusetts History on June 4, 2018 in Worcester. No action.
5. Received notice of a public hearing on an adult license to operate a marijuana dispensary by Heather Anello on Wed. August 8, 2018 at 7.

Old business:

1. No action on the location and purpose of the display cases.

2. No new members
3. Plan of action: inventory updating on going.
4. Office organization on going.
5. Sandi filed two copies of the 2017 town report in our office and placed one in the Becket Room upstairs.

New Business:

1. Gail noticed that Raymond's Market on lower Main was rebuilt for a final time in 1949 and so should not be listed in the National Register of Historic Places it seems.
2. Sandi was going to turn over a group of postcards we had received to the Pittsfield Library but noticed that there was communication to a Becket resident on the back and so she brought them back for us to file in the Messenger genealogical file.
3. Concern was raised by Rita regarding the actual conditions of the Community Development Block Grant monies being used to restore and renovate the Wheeler house in Becket village. When we voted and said that we indeed felt that since it was in an Historic District it should be restored, we questioned what that entailed. Rita will contact the building inspector to ask about allowable changes to the exterior.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, secretary pro-tem