

HISTORICAL COMMISSION Minutes

Meeting Date: April 3,2018

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Place: Historical Commission office, Becket Town Hall

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

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:08 PM.
- II. The minutes of the meeting of March 2018 were approved by all.
- III. Treasurer's Report: The balance in the account is \$1570.87. The travel expenses incurred by Gail in attending the workshop in Mulberry will be removed from the account.
- IV. Communications
 - A. Old: nothing to be addressed here.
 - B. New
 1. Change in meeting time, looking for new members
We discussed this, wondering how we might attract new members. We thought that, perhaps when we have the room more organized and attractive, we could invite other committees meeting in Town Hall to meet in our room to increase exposure to the room.
 2. Public hearings: we received a letter, sent by Jessica Pirotti, Administrative Assistant, from Alan Hope, a managing partner at The Charles Hope Companies. The company specializes in receivership, a tool to address the problems surrounding abandoned and neglected properties in the communities we represent (Becket.) Neither of the two public hearings relate to the business of the Historical Commission, i.e., Section 6.8, marijuana Zoning By-law or Section 4.2.11, driveway Zoning By-law, so we by-passed this discussion.
 3. Bartsch house, bought by Eric Twining: Rita showed us many of the items Eric found in the attic there, including Mason items, books, etc. He allowed her to look at the attic which is jammed with items accumulated over several generations. He will continue to sort through them.
 4. Gail is continuing typing, adding to the town records database.
- V. Old Business

A. Dewey Portraits: Sandi will sign the MOU, the final papers required by the CPC.

B. Apothecary: no new occurrence, except that Gail is doing diagrams of it on graph paper. We discussed the Mercedes Gallaher house, built in 1840, as a better investment for the town.

C. Plan of Action

1. Historical Property-North Becket Historic District: no new action has been taken here.

2. Inventory: ongoing

D. Office organization: ongoing. The files are now finished. We will now cross-file items and deal with the folders which are not yet filed. We discussed how we might deal with wall hangings, etc. to further organize the room.

VI. New Business

A. 2 display cases have been made available to us for purchase. We decided the asking price of \$200 for both was reasonable. The cases would provide additional room to put items contributed to the Historical Commission. We voted unanimously in favor of this purchase.

VII. The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2018 at 3 PM.

The meeting ended at 4:45 PM.