

TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION Minutes

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Meeting Time: 10 AM

Meeting Place: Historical Room, Town Hal

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

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting of November, 2018 were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: There is \$3,253.02 in the HC treasury, now that the balance from last year has been added to it.
4. Communications
 - a. Old: there will be a hearing tomorrow by applicants seeking relief of Zoning Bylaws, should any of us be interested in attending it.
 - b. Hearings called for January 9, 2019 at Town Hall are also seeking relief from the Town's Bylaws. Neither is of specific concern to the Historical Commission.
 - c. We'll meet with Ofer in regard to his building on the corner of Rtes. 8 & 20 and his wish to develop a center there for tourists at which they could learn about what's available to them in Becket. The meeting will take place this Thursday afternoon.
 - d. New: Jim Mason from Greylock Camp has requested information on Becket's Post Office history.
5. New Business:

- a. Replace old pole flags. Rita will investigate what company made the originals, what should the cost might be. Gail will call Chester to learn about their flags which are apparently of good quality. Rita will inquire about Jacob's Pillow's, also.
 - b. We were given some paintings, etc., painted by Bernadette Van Wert, now in a nursing home. We will thank Sue Deacon, a realtor, for saving them from a dumpster. Before our next meeting, we will determine which of the paintings we'd like to preserve.
6. Old Business:
- a. Display cases: we'll determine which artifacts should be put in them at future meetings.
 - b. 21 Maple Street: we put this on hold.
 - c. Other items in old business were also put on hold.
7. The meeting was ended at 11:40 AM.

_____W.Katherine Hoak, Clerk

_____Sandi Jarvis, Chair