

Town of Becket Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 6:02 p.m. Historical Commission Room

Present: Sandi Jarvis, Gail Kusek, Rita Furlong Absent: Katherine Hoak

Minutes of previous November meeting were approved.

Treasury balance was the same as November's balance.

Communications: Country Journal article [Nov. 27, 2017] of the presentation of the Dewey portraits was filed.

Golden Fleece Mill in Bancroft [Berkshire Eagle, Dec. 2017] article was received and filed.

Responded to request for information on Wade Inn, Sandi provided HC photos, news articles and post card image. Additional communications from Rod Wheeler, who bought the framework (1980) of the Wade Inn, included information and photos of that building in its present form. They are in our computer file under Wade Inn.

Sandi Jarvis, chairman, asked for information as to what the word "protection" means in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. She has received no clarification from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission or a response from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding that and so we shall assume that it means 'at our discretion'.

Sandi presented the 2018-19 budget request. Members shall respond to her with any edits, additions, etc. immediately.

Sandi presented the Historical Commission article for the annual town report to be submitted by January 30.

Old Business: The Dewey portraits and Ballou quilt evening presentation on Nov 15 was well attended. New lighting to enhance the portraits was installed in time for the event.

Credit to the Community Preservation Committee for the monies to purchase the portraits is included in the acknowledgement area near the portraits.

Gail Kusek presented a summary of her efforts regarding the Apothecary building on Pleasant Street. No action regarding the building's use as a possible museum and/or research facility has taken place.

No action on the North Becket Historic District.

Inventory work is being continued by Gail.

HC office organization is being continued by member Katherine Hoak.

New Business: None

Next meeting: February 6, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, Secretary Pro-tem