

Town of Becket Historical Commission meeting minutes

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Historical Room Becket Town Hall

Present: Sandi Jarvis, Katherine Hoak, Gail Kusik, Rita Furlong

Minutes of last meeting were not available for approval.

Treasury Balance: Regular account- \$1,662.00 Gift Account - \$656.40

Old Business and communications:

1. Sandi gave a copy of a Dreamland postcard to the present owners John and Stephanie Lowell. They again invited us to visit their home on Brooker Hill.
2. Sandi returned a phone call to Gina Michaelson regarding information on Alvard Taylor. She also returned a call to Tom Davino regarding a relative named LaMountain who wondered where there might have been a pool hall in Becket and did his father work in the basket shop. The discussion we had amounted to no accurate location of a pool hall. Possibly a tavern but no sure information available. It appears that his father would have been only 10 or so when the basket industry ceased to exist and so most likely did not work in the factory.
3. Rita brought in a copy of a 1994 newspaper with article on Becket and an article on Dream Away Lodge to be protected and filled.

New Business:

1. We voted to put our meeting dates on the Federated Church calendar for a cost of \$12.00. Times of meetings would be changed from 6:30-to 6:00 and some date changes due to holidays or voting. Rita will call and notify the church of these changes. Rita 1, Katherine 2, Passed unanimously. Rita will request payment when an invoice is received.
2. Town secretary took a call from David Devane who wondered if the commission would like old Sherwood Forest maps. We most assuredly would and so Sandi will respond to Mr. Devane.

3. Rita will contact Dave Drugmand regarding the directional signs that he is going to build. He will need to include new protective coverings and we would be responsible for the digging of the holes. If no complications, he felt he could do them for \$1,000.00.
4. Katherine has been doing an outstanding job of organizing and categorizing artifacts. She needs more protective envelopes for the remainder of the newspapers. A motion made by Rita for said envelopes and not to exceed \$200.00. Sandi 2, Passed. Gail will get prices from two companies. Rita will have town secretary order them from the company with the best price. Gail will create a spreadsheet for Katherine to create an Inventory of Historical commission records.
5. No action taken on the CPA report.
6. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of scanning the Snow Genealogy Record Book to then put on the town web site. We will work on this project.
7. The remaining Plan of Actions list to be worked on were not fully addressed due to the late hour. They include: publicizing the commission, links on town website and the athenaeum's, a Historical Property Survey of the town, getting CPA funding for the work on the inventory, compare Becket's Inventory forms with the MA Historical Commission Inventory forms, update photos included with the Becket Inventory Forms, and Becket's Demolition By-Law. We have much to do in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Furlong, secretary pro tem