



**TOWN OF BECKET**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Becket Center Park Pavilion, next to Becket Town Hall

Due to COVID-19 the April and May Meetings were cancelled. This Agenda has more detail to fill in progress made during the interim.

### **Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes – Mar, 2020
3. Treasurer's Report –
4. Communications
  - a. Old-
    - i. Eliza R. Snow birth place in Becket
    - ii. Query re: Amanda Barnes Smith
    - iii. CPC letter of support, Re: First Congregational Church funding request, written by John, 11 Mar 2020
  - b. New-
    - i. Helen Lyons, researching her Lydia Baird/Stedman families, looking for proof that Martha Amelia Stedman is Lydia's daughter [Sandi sent her information available from home, will research more when office is available]
    - ii. John Hanson, researcher, literary origins of the epitaph verses on old New England gravestones, visited Becket Center Cemetery, would like to meet with HC [Sandi responded with invitation and HC meeting schedule]

- iii. Jeanette Thomas, Macrobiotic, questions about Becket's Community Preservation Fund; [referred her to Becket's Community Preservation Committee via their town link]
- iv. Stonehouse Properties agents ( Melissa DiMassimo and Patricia Andrew), requests for Seth Snow personal and house information
- v. Foresight Land Services (Peter Nikitas), Yokum Cemetery is it on town land?
- vi. Kathy Rodhouse query about demolition of 43-44 Pleasant Street.
- vii. Town notifications

#### 5. New Business

- a. Photos of Seth Snow House, interior and exterior, 16 March 2020, Sandi

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Signage for Ballou Park and Parade Ground,
  - i. Replacements-John to order
  - ii. QR code, Nina created an information link "Historical Facts" on the Historical Commission's area of the town webpage, 16 Mar 2020; Sandi completed information and photos for Ballou Park shared on 24 March 2020 (waiting for Commission approval)
- b. Pole flags-Rita to check on current pricing
- c. Art Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation- Sandi completed and shared an 80 slide PowerPoint presentation on 19 May 2020, (waiting for Commission and Becket Arts Center approval to post online)
- d. Portrait of Helen Day Flynn (Age 16) of Becket, MA 1911-1999
- e. Office organization
- f. New members
- g. Goal – Preserve and publicize Becket's historical structures
  - i. Becket history awareness
  - ii. Becket Historical Commission actions
- h. Plan of Action

- i. Photo Documentation
    - 1. Brewster House
    - 2. The “Nest” Barn
    - 3. Baird Tavern; arrange tour
  - ii. 21 Maple Street plaque dedication, installation took place on 26 May 2020, Rita and Sandi documented with photos
  - iii. Becket Bulletin
7. Next meeting – July 14 at 3:00 PM