



**TOWN OF BECKET
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM

Meeting Place: Berkshire Room, Becket Town Hall

Agenda

Due to COVID-19, the Town Hall remains closed to the public and members of the public are only allowed to attend meetings remotely for this public meeting. This meeting may be accessed by dialing in using the following information:

Dial-In Number 1-712-770-8097 **Conference Number** 666070

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1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes – December, 2020
3. Treasurer’s Report –
4. Communications
 - a. Old-John Hanson still interested in gravestone presentation this summer; his book is due out later this spring <https://mcfarlandbooks.com/product/reading-the-gravestones-of-old-new-england/>
 - b. New-
 - i. Town notifications
 1. Apr 14, amend Article 17 Town Betterment, Section 6 removing vehicle impeding snow removal etc., increase fine \$10 to \$25
 2. May 4, 177 Mystic Isle Way Map 216 Lot 438, encroach on setback

3. May 4, 940 Bonny Rigg Hill Rd Map 416 Lot 29.13 use of camper during house construction
 4. May 4, 0 Old Pond Rd Map 210 Lot 62, encroach on setback
 5. Review expired notices
 - ii. BAC request for letter of support
 - iii. Publication - List of Massachusetts Historical Places 2020
 - iv. Postcard-MHC-Round 27, Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund
5. New Business
- a. Alice Ballou Morse shared family/business items, Sandi scanned items, Rita checked nails for magnetism with our Ballou baskets
 - b. Request from Ellen, Rita, and Mark for information on Dream Away
 - c. Vote for CPC member before June 30, 2021
 - d. Query from David Levinson re: Moorish Science Temple/Convention 1944 in Becket
 - e. Query from Gary Winsor re: Revere Bell
 - f. 6 Apr 2021 Sandi participated in "Outreach and Community Engagement" by Zoom workshop presented by Chris Skelly, MHC
6. Old Business
- a. "Historical Facts" additional articles completed (Canterbury Farm, Linda Bacon; Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, John Garvey; also completed Chester and Becket Railroad; Huckleberry Line; and revised North Becket Historic District
 - b. List of past commissioners; recognition
 - c. Becket Bulletin
 - d. 43 Pleasant St. sign-off request
 - e. BAC follow-up Power Point presentation about the history of the BAC itself; to make a more manageable task going to focus on first decade 1970s-1980
 - f. Portrait of Helen Day Flynn (Age 16) of Becket, MA 1911-1999 -When safe
 - g. Office organization-When safe
 - h. New members

- i. Goal – Preserve and publicize Becket’s historical structures
 - i. Becket history awareness-Historical Facts page
 - ii. Becket Historical Commission actions-Becket Bulletin; Annual Town Report
 - j. Plan of Action
 - i. 21 Maple Street plaque dedication-Spring
 - ii. Signage for Ballou Park and Parade Ground-Spring
 - iii. Pole flags-Spring
 - iv. Photo Documentation historic buildings-When safe
 - v. Becket Bulletin
7. Next meeting – May 11 at 3:00 PM