

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee Minutes

Draft May 6, 2013

I. Call to order

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at 4:00 P.M. on May 6, 2013 in Becket Town Hall.

II. Roll call

The following Committee members were present: Linda Bacon, Rita Furlong, Bruce Garlow, Sandi Jarvis, Karen Karlberg, Barbara Roberts, George Roberts, and Ann Spadafora

III. Open issues

A. Minutes

1. Discussed corrections
2. Motion to produce a draft of the minutes, save comments for following meeting when a vote to approve the minutes will be taken, then posted on the town website. Seconded, approved unanimously
3. April 1, 2013 minutes; seconded, approved unanimously

B. Book-Memoir of a Revolutionary Soldier shared by Barbara; Sandi, George and Ann have copies

C. Distribution of neighbor letter, email with corrections, Post Office, stores, library, Transfer Station, subdivisions

D. Thank you and confirmation letter to YMCA, Phil Connor, Dan Berg approved

E. 250th book update- page or two of information, photographs, maps (interior Becket changes with developments); continue with our list, get information to Bruce as soon as possible

1. Military history- looking for names of all veterans and enlisted military from Becket especially Revolutionary War and Civil War, obelisk vote at Town Meeting
2. Government, economic impact on town
3. Interview letters sent out to approximately 25 long term residents , so far about 6 completed; need to contact seasonal residents, former campers for next school year interviews

F. Social media

1. www.Becket250.org cost \$9.00 for the year, need to create design, software at library, student intern?; need host to maintain, \$10 a month estimate; thank you Linda for attaining the web address; Linda will approach Dana Welts
2. Facebook page: Becket250 – thank you Karen for creating the page and adding all the photos; go to page to LIKE and share with others, add links to Becket businesses on Facebook

3. Town e-mail account, is becket250@townofbecket.org
4. Becket 250th Anniversary website domain name is becket250.org

IV. List of ideas to celebrate Becket's 250th

As of May 6, 2013

- A. 4 days throughout Becket
 1. North Becket-May 25 Memorial Day
 - i. Kick-off/ celebration proclamation
 - ii. Honorees-Veterans, town employees, volunteers, oldest citizen
 - iii. Parade-drum corp. floats, bands, state/county/local officials; neighboring towns, fellow 1765 incorporated towns
 - iv. Becket Cultural District-Art Center (date to be determined)- Becket artist only art show, Becket photo gallery, period costumes? Historic Commission/Becket Athenaeum treasures exhibits
 - v. BWS-Play/theater, Berkshire Playwright, production by school children/town residents; resource Paul Campbell
 2. Central Becket-Camps June 6 & 7
 - i. Fireworks- George is working on fireworks cost/arrangements/reservation, about \$2,780 for 15-20 minutes;
 - ii. Parking, picnic food/cooking
 - iii. Team games (softball, volleyball)
 - iv. Field day events for families; pet obstacle course?
 - v. Costumes (people, pets-allowed on camp grounds?)
 - vi. Contests (photo, beard growing, Town song/Rap, pie eating contest)
 - vii. Ecumenical service-churches, special services, social societies
 - viii. Alcohol beverage policy, Dan who is responsible?; license from town, insurance about \$350 for one day?; BYOB
 - ix. Car show-old cars, new cars, farm machinery, ATVs
 3. West Becket (Becket Woods, Summit)-Fall bonfire
 4. Jacob's Pillow-Linda will contact them about hosting an event for June 2015, Norton Owen
 - i. Music concert-local talent: Praise Team, Bobby Sweet, Guthries; Karaoke, music through the years
 - ii. dance piece, June community day "Becket Go Free"
 5. Town Pavilion
 6. Kushi, Dream Away,
- B. 250th book update-historical maps; town history, businesses, schools, farms, people
- C. Oral/video histories-in progress

- D. Becket Quarry/Appalachian Trail hikes; bike race/road race
- E. Tours-cemeteries, buildings, homes, farms, gardens
- F. Dance-Square (YMCA callers or school kids), line, Gala Ball, rent tent
- G. Children activities-decorated bikes, baby strollers, field day-check with BWS for equipment, face painting, homemade instruments
- H. Picnic/BBQ/Pancake Breakfast/Spaghetti Supper, clambake/lobster; birthday cake
- I. School connections-ALL grade levels, student projects: writing, stories, art, music; presently Grades 3-5 at BWS study Becket Quarry/tour; field day
- J. Souvenirs-tee shirts, sweatshirts, town flags, post cards, bumper stickers, mugs, water bottles, Frisbee, stationary ,commemorative plates, wooden nickel
- K. Cookbook-bake off; Farmer's Market
- L. Exhibits-chainsaw, wood/log cutting safety, wood carving, home building; Colonial/Civil War Encampments
- M. Tree planting(s) on Parade Grounds-American Elm; which trees were native to Becket that may have been lost presently? Chestnut?

G. New Business

1. How to transfer a cassette tape to digital format

H. Next Meeting

Monday June 3, 2013

Becket Room, Town Hall 4 P.M.

Thank you for your continued attendance and support of this Committee!

I. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **5:05 P.M.**

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis

Special Request:

We are looking for copies of old Becket Town Reports for the years: 1866, 1871, and 1973 (there are no archival copies available that we have found for these years). We also need additional copies of 1970, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 thru 1995, 1990, 1999, 2002, and 2004 thru 2010 to complete our collection.

Thank you