

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee Minutes

June 3, 2013

I. Call to order

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at 4:00 P.M. on June 3, 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-May 6, 2013 minutes approved unanimously
- B. Book-Memoir of a Revolutionary Soldier; Sandi and Ann returned their copies; Karen and George have copies
- C. Distribution of neighbor letter-reminder; Becket Store has offered to help
- D. Thank you and confirmation letter for YMCA sent to Phil Connor, Dan Berg
- E. 250th book update-start taking town photos thru different seasons, George, Karen; Maps-David Stein has old Becket maps digitalized; Sandi has digital copies from Registry of Deeds and Berkshire Athenaeum
- F. Social media
 1. www.Becket250.org
 - a. Linda spoke with Dr. Dana Welts who has graciously agreed to donate his time to design a 10 page website
 - b. **HOMEWORK**-look at other websites for design ideas, what topics do we want included?
 - c. Motion that Mrs. Bacon contact Dana Welts telling him we are interested in meeting with him to discuss his generous offer of webpage design for Becket250.org. Seconded, passed unanimously.
 - d. When is he available to meet with the Committee-July 1 or August 5?
 - e. Host needed-Rita will talk with Nina about who maintains the town site; student interns
 2. Facebook page: Becket250-Karen will add links to Becket businesses
 3. Town e-mail account, becket250@townofbecket.org; George and Karen will monitor, have to be on Town server to check; report on activity at each Committee meeting
 4. Becket 250th Anniversary website domain name is becket250.org

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

As of June 3, 2013

- A. 4 days throughout Becket
 - 1. North Becket-May 25 Memorial Day/weekend
 - i. Kick-off/ celebration proclamation, dedication of monuments, historic events
 - 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-tour, Student Art Show; play/theater, Berkshire Playwright, production by school children/town residents; resource Paul Campbell
 - 2. Central Becket-Camps June 6 & 7
 - i. Fireworks
 - 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 (private communities: Becket Woods, others interested?; Summit/Quarry)-
 - i. Fall bonfire
 - ii. George suggested a scavenger hunt/geo cache challenge, Barbara-find memento tokens at locations, will contact Nancy about organization
 - 4. Jacob's Pillow- they are interested in participating
 - i. Karen will contact again with possible dates-May 30(Saturday), June 5(Friday) or June 13(Saturday)
 - ii. Season opens about June 19, 2013; they have interns preparing site several weeks before opening
 - iii. Music concert-local talent: Praise Team, Bobby Sweet, Berkshire Highlands, Dave Bacon-Lady Di and the Dukes-acoustical, Home Fries, country band; Becket Rebels,

- Dharma Villa; Berkshire drum/drill teams, Highlanders, karaoke, music through the years; suggestions from local musicians; other types of music
- iv. One venue for all music events
- v. Pillow interested in selling food?
- 5. Kid's events-Inside Out Stage?; dance piece-ballet: Dalton Ballet Studio, Swindlehurst school in Stockbridge
- 6. Town Pavilion-lights are on at the diamond, Friday night softball games, round robin tournament
- 7. Kushi, Dream Away,
- B. 250th book update-historical maps; town history, businesses, schools, farms, people
- C. Oral/video histories-next school year include background interviews with families/groups; comparison of Becket to other areas residents have come from
- 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. Promotions –
 - a. 250th Balloons, what is happening in Becket
 - b. Laurel Herman, publisher; Will she do a brochure? Will she come to a meeting to discuss ideas?
- 2. Design new town logo

H. Next Meeting-no meeting in July

Monday August 5, 2013

Becket Room, Town Hall 4 P.M.

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

I. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **4:58 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 town archival collections.

Thank you