

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee Minutes

August 5, 2013

I. Call to order

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at 4:07 P.M. on August 5, 2013 in Becket Town Hall.

II. Roll call

The following Committee members were present: Linda Bacon, Rita Furlong, Sandi Jarvis, George Roberts, Ann Spadafora, and Beth Van Ness; guest Dr. Dana Welts, Ed. D.

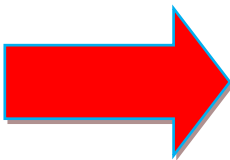
III. Open issues

A. Minutes-June 3, 2013 minutes corrected and approved unanimously

B. Social media

1. www.Becket250.org informative, teaching site

- a. Dr. Dana Welts, Ed. D., Hillcrest Educational Centers, volunteered to build the site, keep it current, scan photos/information
- b. Need to allocate \$100.00 per year for hosting site, will need site for 2 years, unlimited pages and pictures
- c. What do we want it to do? Historical, tutorial, register, printed materials, pictures, slide shows, schedules, archives, photo gallery (link to Facebook), memories of Becket, 50 oral/video interviews: 7-20 minutes each, can use YouTube, make one available each week, site must be kept current, committee meeting minutes (link to Becket town site)
- d. **HOMEWORK**-look at other websites for design ideas, what topics do we want included? Send ideas, sample sites to drwelts@gmail.com, 413-626-4751; look at museum sites, government-Smithsonian; town is a big museum
- e. Geo caching
- f. Maps-scan, digital photographs, Linda has resource, Sandi can help make copies, Norman Rockwell Museum has allowed use of their equipment
- g. Business links
- h. Contact information, form for messages
- i. Becket Civil War soldier information-Sandi has some information
- j. Assemble as much information as possible, link to different areas, burn information onto CD after 2015 for purchase; hardcopy 250th Book update would still be valuable





- k. Webmaster-GoDaddy, use real code, Dan will start then teach others-Linda, Sandi
- l. Authentic Invoice-Motion: "Move to approve Dr.Welts' proposal for web page hosting at \$100 a year for 2 years." Seconded, unanimously approved
- m. Motion: "Move we approve payment of \$9.99 bill to reimburse Linda Bacon for domain site." Seconded, unanimously approved
- n. **Remember Open Meeting law**, send contact information to all committee members; Dr. Welts is going to request appointment to our Committee!

IV. List of ideas to celebrate Becket's 250th As of August 5, 2013

- A. Presently 4 days throughout Becket
 - 1. North Becket-May 25 Memorial Day/weekend
 - i. Sunday, May 24-Kick-off/ celebration proclamation, Ecumenical service-historical, Becket had to have a meeting house and pay a minister when incorporated; Becket first to separate funding for churches from town funds
 - ii. Dedication of monuments, historic events, Civil War soldiers
 - iii. Honorees-Veterans, town employees, volunteers, oldest citizen
 - iv. Monday, May 25-Parade-drum corp. floats, bands, state/county/local officials; neighboring towns, fellow 1765 incorporated towns, old cars
 - v. 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; quilts-students, past and present Becket quilts at Mullen House or Art Center
 - vi. BWS-tour, Student Art Show; play/theater, Berkshire Playwright, production by school children/town residents; resource Paul Campbell
 - vii. Town song-Bobby Sweet has agreed to write one, other songwriters in town are also encouraged to write a song
 - 2. Central Becket-Camps June 6 (7 rain date)
 - i. **Fireworks**-George to try another company
 - ii. Parking, picnic food/cooking
 - iii. Team games (softball, volleyball)
 - iv. Field day events for families-run by camp personnel(?); pet obstacle course?
 - v. Costumes (people, pets-allowed on camp grounds?)
 - vi. Contests (photo, beard growing, Town song/Rap, pie eating contest)

- vii. **Alcohol beverage policy**, Dan who is responsible?; license from town, insurance about \$350 for one day?; BYOB; Linda will check on company to serve alcohol-Kelley's
- viii. Car show-old cars, new cars, farm machinery, ATVs
- 3. West Becket (private communities: Becket Woods, others interested?; Summit/Quarry)-
 - i. Fall bonfire
 - ii. Scavenger hunt/geo cache challenge
- 4. Jacob's Pillow- they are interested in participating
 - i. Ann will contact with possible **dates**-May 30(Saturday), June 5(Friday) or June 13(Saturday), **250th Book update** information
 - ii. Season opens about June 19, 2013; they have interns preparing site several weeks before opening
 - iii. Music concert- Bobby Sweet on board; local talent: Praise Team, 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, need to submit information to Bruce
- 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?

C. New Business

D. Next Meeting

Tuesday September 3, 2013

Becket Room, Town Hall 4 P.M.

**Thank you for your continued attendance and support of this Committee!
If you are no longer a member of this Committee please officially notify us
so we can adjust our quorum requirement.**

E. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **5:15 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