

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee Minutes

December 2, 2013

I. Call to order

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at 4:00 P.M. on December 2, 2013 in the Becket Town Hall.

II. Roll call

The following Committee members were present: Linda Bacon, Rita Furlong, Bruce Garlow, Sandi Jarvis, Karen Karlberg, Michel Paul Richard, Barbara Roberts, Ann Spadafora and Beth Van Ness. Guest: Alan Mack, videographer

III. Open issues

- A. Minutes-November 2013 edits made, motion to accept, seconded, passed unanimously
- B. Discussed spelling for Bulkley, Dunton & Co. paper company and Buckley-Dunton reservoir, 1800's references shown as Bulkley; spelling for Tamarac/Tamarack; location of Finerty Pond
- C. Ecumenical Church Service May 24: Rita has spoken with Pastor Kevin Smail and Sean Mulholland, they will participate in Service; Pastor Smail will make Jewish contact
- D. May 25 Memorial Day Parade dedication of Civil War obelisk
- E. Jacob's Pillow Update:
 1. Ann Spadafora read email from Norton Owen:
 2. Jacob's Pillow staff prefer Saturday, June 13th
 3. free screening of documentary "Never Stand Still"
 4. tour of buildings and grounds
 5. Inside Out stage available, no dancers on site for June 13, 2015
 6. Bruce reported on "Curriculum in Motion" with Becket Washington School
 7. Still need to discuss local musicians/dancers/bands using their facilities
- F. Fire Works:
 1. June 5 or 6 (rain date), Camp Chimney Corners over the lake
 2. George sent committee members copies of emails to/from RS Fireworks; working to reschedule a meeting date
 3. June 6 backup date for bands
- G. History Book Update:
 1. Bruce memos of contributors, timelines, procedures
 - a. Other cultural attractions-drop from the list
 - b. Topics needing contributors:

1. Other lakes and ponds: Crystal, Yokum, Greenwater, Rudd, Rita to cover Center Pond in Parks and Rec; Karen to cover Shaw Pond with West Becket
 2. Check on Basin Pond and Finerty Pond, Rita will check town affiliation
 - c. Farms Linda?
 - d. Railroad-[passenger, freight and mail stops ended by 1957], Bruce
 - e. Dalton Hinsdale bus-transportation changes in Becket
 - f. Ice storm, Irene, May 1977 snowstorm-power outage Barbara
 - g. Evacuation Plan for late 60's-early 70's
 - h. Village consolidation, Historic Districts, population shift
 - i. Turner Family (Camp Watitoh connection) Rita
 2. Update on contributors
 - a. Military-Bill Mulholland, Skip Saville
 - b. Ambulance-Ann old service, Beth, Jim Kupernik
 - c. Land Trust-Bruce needs contact information
 - d. Bob Podolski need phone number, Rita will check coverage for business/commerce, general stores, contractors, pallet shop, tourism, professionals, quarries
 - e. Art Center-George on Art Center board, Michel interested
 1. Becket artists-looking for contributions to Town Hall "Gallery", Rita
 2. Ozzie's Glass, Mike Ozner, jewelry craftsman, Sandi
 3. Printing-\$20.00 book, 8 ½" x 11", Bruce meeting with Ronald Bernard of Sandisfield, glossy text difficult for elderly to read, color is costly
- H. Geocache:
1. List of possible sites-include Canterbury Farm, any others?
 2. Contacted Kathy and Gary Gwozdz from Berkshire Geo-Bash, they are excited to assist our Committee, Sandi and Barbara will meet with them on Dec. 15th
 3. Historic tour of Becket for students, townspeople without GPS
 4. Gibson Hall at Camp Becket: included in YMCA camps covered by Dan Berg and/or part of geocache?
- I. Maps
1. Researched available maps from Historic Commission, Central Berkshire's Registry of Deeds and Berkshire Athenaeum
 2. Contributors let Sandi know what maps they would like to link to their topic
- J. Town logo
1. Notices posted at local sites, newspapers; Rita
 - a. Eligible for all ages
 - b. Deadline January 31, 2014; submissions to Town Hall on 8.5 x 11 inch paper
 2. Town Meeting in May 2014 will vote whether to adopt the new logo
 3. Selectmen will be invited to serve on selection committee

4. Selectmen have some concerns, cost of implementing new design, need to keep them informed

K. New Business

L. Next Meeting

Monday January 6, 2014

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.**

M. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:12 P.M.

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis

Thank you