

# Becket 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Minutes

February 3, 2014

## I. Call to order

Becket 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at 4:07 P.M. on snowy February 3, 2014 in the Becket Town Hall.

## II. Roll call

The following Committee members were present: Rita Furlong, Bruce Garlow, Sandi Jarvis, Karen Karlberg, George Roberts and Ann Spadafora; guest Dan Berg

## III. Open issues

- A. Minutes-January 2014, corrections made, motion to accept, seconded, passed unanimously
- B. May 24 Ecumenical Church Service
  - 1. Discussed the location: YMCA camp chapel
    - a. Outside, benches, holds 500 people, handicapped accessible?
    - b. Dan will check on availability for May 24
  - 2. Alternative location at Center Church if raining or camp unavailable
- C. May 25 Memorial Day
  - 1. Need to firm up activities
  - 2. Rita has a meeting planned with the school principal to involve students in logo submissions, other activities
- D. June 13 Jacob's Pillow
  - 1. Norton Owen will meet book deadline for book update
  - 2. Agreed to Saturday June 13
  - 3. Inside Out stage should be ready
  - 4. Will provide alternative location in case of rain
  - 5. "Never Stand Still" screenings, tour of buildings and grounds
  - 6. Ann will confirm if bands can perform at Jacob's Pillow and email Committee with answer (*Ann emailed on Feb. 4-Jacob's Pillow will host bands*)
  - 7. Need to contact/confirm local musicians/bands
  - 8. Are they still interested in coordinating with "Curriculum in Motion"?
- E. June 6 or 7 Camp events
  - 1. Booked for June 6 family outdoor activities, rain date June 7
  - 2. Backup location for local musicians if unable to use Jacob's Pillow?, Dan will check on availability for June 7 if not used as a rain date
- F. Fire Works
  - 1. Down payment-less than \$5,000 no bid is necessary according to Ed
  - 2. Book for June 6 or 7 (rain date), Camp Chimney Corners

3. RS Fireworks have not responded during the past month
4. Atlas-George requested a proposal for \$4,500 display, specify types of fireworks, time frame for display, amount of down payment
5. George will email the proposal to Committee members to read before March meeting-to prepare for discussion (*George sent proposal on Feb. 4*)

G. History Book

1. Ann, Linda and Bruce will meet on Feb. 13 with Laurel Herman, designer; her charges, recommendations
2. Bruce has not received any contributions yet
3. Bruce will contact Becket Athenaeum about copyright to reprint portions of 200<sup>th</sup> book

H. Geocache:

1. Barbara and Sandi met with Berkshire GeoBash members Kathy Gwozdz and Gary Rollins on Jan 20, 2014, very excited to help us
2. Sandi handed out notes from the meeting attached below on pages 5-6
3. No charge to Becket for their assistance, Thank-you Kathy and Gary!
4. George letter to town businesses encouraging them to “create their own commemorative promotional items”, they could also sponsor geocache coins etc.
5. George made the following motions:
  - a. “Move to vote to allow Berkshire GeoBash to organize the geocache to setup and operate the Becket GeoBash event for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.” Seconded, unanimously approved
  - b. “Move to appoint Sandi Jarvis and Barb Roberts to be liason between Becket 250<sup>th</sup> Committee and Berkshire GeoBash with authority to contact potential geocache hosts.” Seconded, unanimously approved
6. Organize a school event, bus to historic sites, coins, passport, stickers, stamps; also available for adults as a geocache
7. Potluck supper with Berkshire GeoBash would pair experienced geocachers with novice families from Becket
8. Community Calendar lists some town businesses

I. Maps

1. Nothing new
2. Sandi contact person

J. Logo

1. As of January 31 only 2 people submitted entries, one had multiple designs; Committee reviewed submissions
2. Rita, prior to this meeting, made executive decision to extend the submission due date by two weeks to February 14, 2014 when only one entry had been received, contacted schools, art teachers, newspapers
3. Rita has a meeting scheduled with the Becket Washington School principal to involve students in logo submissions
4. Rita on Board of Selectmen agenda to appoint members for logo selection committee

5. Discussed posting entries in Town Hall and/or on website
- K. Website update Becket250.org
  1. Karen reported on our hosting site, 2 years, \$96.
  2. Update DNS
  3. Domain name expires in April, \$11 per year, need to renew
  4. Has to migrate different sources to page, Presently has homepage, historic facts on Becket, list of celebration events, contact page-Committee members addresses, Karen will send Committee the link for her admin account, has 5 pages presently, would like to add geocache information (*Sandi emailed Karen info Feb. 7*)
- L. Entertainment license/fee required?-Rita checked with Ed, go through process but will not have to pay fee
- M. Budget
  1. Web hosting fees, domain name etc. \$150
  2. Fireworks \$4500
  3. Geocache tokens
  4. Covered in Town Article?
  5. Birthday cake
  6. Postage
- N. George shared letter to town businesses he wrote encouraging them to “create their own commemorative promotional items”
  1. See copy below on page 7
  2. Next meeting come up with list of businesses
- O. Copyright-logo fair use, no problem
- P. **New Business**
- Q. **Next Meeting**

**Monday March 3, 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.**

**R. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:19 P.M.

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis

Thank you

Becket Geocache Meeting  
20 January 2014 at Panera Bread, Pittsfield  
**Agenda** (Kathy)

1. **Welcome and Sign-in:** Kathy Gwozdz, Sandi Jarvis, Barb Roberts and Gary Rollins
2. **Dates of Celebration:** events planned for May/June 2015; June 21, 1765-2015; 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
3. **BGB Event- pre celebration theme:** geocaches to draw attention to 250<sup>th</sup>, historic Becket cache/"scavenger hunt" for town's people/students; and present day; pros/cons of using geocache.com – Kathy and Gary will research, create, submit and maintain posted cache sites, owner notified of your find and details; gets more attention
4. **Becket Historical Sites:** shared list of "Possible Geocache locations in Becket", school location map and booklet An Historic Tour of Becket, Massachusetts; can include Canterbury Farms as a historic site not as present day business, no solicitations
5. **Cache Placement:** Gary and Kathy can determine locations based on our list/present caches in Becket; Gary places actual cache to make it a challenge to find, can be hidden but not buried; HOMEWORK: written (verbal okay according to Kathy and Gary in email) permission required of property owners before entering their property; they already have permission of Wildlife Management and Trustees of the Reservations, cannot use National Park Service land (Appalachian Trail); can give out Gary's phone number (413-441-4894) if owners have any questions; different caches need to be 528 feet apart;
6. **Coins:** well made, fancy coin cost about \$5 each for 500, they sell them for \$12; oakcoins.com Mike (801-540-6930); wooden nickel about 11¢; Path tag over 100 about \$1 each, number engraved for entire series
7. **Quilt:** geocache tee shirts quilt, raffle to raise money
8. **Other:**
  - a. Beginner's Pack-check out from Cheshire Library, Kacy Westwood (413-XXX-XXXX home), Williamstown Library her sister, contains GPS (Geomate jr., Garmin eTrex @10 about \$100) Idiot's Guide to Geocaching, ready made kits about \$125-\$150
  - b. Berkshire GeoBash registration July 18, 2014 at Elks, Union St., 6-8 PM, chance to see collection of coins
  - c. School event-historic sites, Letterbox event done without GPS, uses clues instead of coordinates, no online rules for us to follow
  - d. Discussed sponsor locations for Berkshire Geocache meeting/pot luck supper to draw attention of geocachers, need restroom and

- cooking/electrical facilities, BW School, town pavilions in North Becket or Town Parks, camps, Bonny Rigg was used previously as replacement
- e. Gary provided partial maps of Official Global GPS Cache Hunt Sites already in Becket
  - f. Cache storage container can be as simple as a medicine bottle, Tupperware, water proof containers; logbook, golf pencil (BYOP-Bring Your Own Pencil), letter, items for trading



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## **250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Dear Becket Business:

Becket will celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the spring of 2015. Currently we are in the planning stages of preparing to commemorate this momentous occasion.

A variety of events to celebrate this milestone anniversary are also planned: Parades, a Town Picnic, a fireworks display and events at Jacobs Pillow and the YMCA camps are in the works, just to name a few.

We would like to encourage any businesses in town to create their own commemorative promotional items such as tee-shirts, coffee mugs and the like. Use your imagination and take the opportunity to link your business with this historic event!

For more information, please contact us at the Town Hall, or visit our web page at \_\_\_\_\_.