

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

April 7, 2014

## I. Call to order

Becket 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at 4:08 P.M. on April 7, 2014 in the Becket Town Hall.

## II. Roll call

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

## III. Open issues

- A. Minutes-March 2014 motion to accept, seconded, passed unanimously
- B. May 24 Ecumenical Church Service, Center Church
- C. May 25 Memorial Day, Village
  - 1. Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony
  - 2. Dedication of Revolutionary War and Civil War monuments Ballou Park
  - 3. Display student art work, Becket Art Center
  - 4. Federated Church traditionally provides free hot dogs on lawn
  - 5. Becket Athenaeum activities-Linda they are working on it; Open House?
  - 6. History day, tour of Village, Mullin House
  - 7. Car Show – North Becket
- D. June 13 Jacob's Pillow –
  - 1. Linda and Dave organizing musicians
    - a. Bobby Sweet, 4 musicians
    - b. Proud Prophet Mulhollands
    - c. Chandler Brothers left message
    - d. Dave Bacon's group
    - e. Dana Welts sound equipment
    - f. Praise Team
  - 2. Dance, Curriculum in Motion, tours, video
- E. June 6 or 7 Camp events, June 7 (rain date)
  - 1. Start activities around 1 PM, Fireworks start at 9 PM, finish about 10PM
  - 2. Games, activities, cookout
- F. New activities?
  - 1. Costumes-military
  - 2. Balloons-Karen look into promo, biodegradable for 2014
  - 3. Puppets
  - 4. Face paint
  - 5. Picnic-Pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner, clambake
  - 6. Honorees-Oldest citizen, veterans, town employees

7. Home garden tours-too early in season?; historic home tours
8. Hikes, Appalachian Trail, bike race, road race-no
9. Bonfire, luminaries
10. Exhibits-wood carving, building
11. Civil War encampment
12. Contest-beard, pie eating, photo, town song
13. Town tree-Town Hall, chestnut or elm tree, Selectmen?
14. Need to formulate a budget for some of these ideas
15. Need to contact members of ambulance, fire, police, town businesses-George writing letter to businesses

#### G. Town Seal

1. Rita, Bruce and Sandi attended the Selectboard meeting March 4
  - a. Discussed terminology of logo vs. seal
  - b. Selectboard voted against changing the seal 2-1
  - c. Ed Gibson suggested allowing the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee to go forward with public submissions; see what is received, decide whether any new design would be appropriate for the 250<sup>th</sup> logo, town flag and/or town seal; Jeanne Pryor made a motion to allow the Committee to continue, seconded, passed
2. Bruce read from "A Bicentennial History of Becket 1765-1965" (page 180 in the paperback edition) "A word of thanks goes also to Miss Linda Spencer for the cover design, patterned after the old town seal"
3. Sandi read from an email sent 28 March 2005 from then Town Clerk, Jeanne Pryor, to Catherine Stover, then Town Clerk of Nantucket about the history of Becket's town seal:
 

"At its meeting on March 20, 1900, per Article 14, the Town of Becket voted 'that the Town Clerk be instructed to procure a suitable Town Seal.'

'At its meeting on March 19, 1901, per Article 10, the Town of Becket voted "to accept the Seal purchased by O.S. Willis as the legal Town Seal. The design of said Seal represents a mounted Sir Knight carrying the flag.'

The Annual Report of the Town of Becket for the Year Ending March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1901, page 10, includes the following under Miscellaneous Bills:

Paid C. C. Hoffman for making the Town Seal.....\$12.00

The following was written by M. J. Mulholland, a member of the Becket Historical Commission from 1990-1995:

Why "Sir Knight Becket" is inappropriate on the Town Seal.

The Town Seal was voted and procured locally in the 1890's. The legend "Sir Knight Becket" is unexplained, except for an undocumented report that the design was chosen as a result of a schoolchildren's competition. Be that as it may, the design has no roots in history."
4. Committee members requested a copy of the entire email be sent to them, Sandi sent a copy 8 April 2014, Jeanne gave her permission to share the information which is on file in the Historic Commission room

#### H. History Book

1. Art Center needs to be in article form; George has completed
  2. April 15 deadline for article submissions
  3. Photos should represent the different seasons
- I. Geocache:
1. Presented suggestion from Gene Goebel: name “HOOT” for History of our Town, owl logo to publicize geocache events, create signs, caches
  2. Shared passport samples
    - a. Print labels with owl, Becket 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1765-2015, HOOT, and student name for the front of each memo book
    - b. Student photo on inside cover
    - c. Print name of each historic site to be discovered on single pages
    - d. Earn a stamp or sticker at each location
    - e. Need to purchase books, labels, packing tape, stamps/stickers; cost about 40 cents per passport
    - f. Print labels for back cover with list of locations
    - g. Will students or volunteers assemble the passports;
      1. Many members of the Committee offered to help
      2. Need to discuss activities with Becket Washington school staff
        - a. Geocache activities
        - b. Memorial Day art show
        - c. Jacob’s Pillow dance
    - h. Linda proposed the motion “Move to give Sandi the authority to buy necessary supplies”; seconded, passed unanimously
    - i. Committee given list of possible geocache sites for future discussion
- J. Maps
1. Sandi shared prints of possible maps
  2. Bruce and Karen were provided with a CD containing map files for book and website use
  3. Emphasis on National Historic areas including North Becket and Becket Center Historic Districts, Jacob’s Pillow National Historic Landmark, and Keystone Arch Bridges; Becket Land Trust and Historic Quarry, century maps 1785-2014; 1889 Panoramic map; silhouette outline of Becket borders
- K. Website update Becket250.org
1. Karen has migrated the information
  2. Available to the public
  3. Thank you Karen!
- L. **New Business**
1. In observation of National Volunteer Week April 6-12, 2014 Sandi offered a special thank you to all members of Becket’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their dedicated volunteer spirit. The members were commended for donating their time, talents and energy to

make a difference in our town and their continued service to Becket's 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

2. Bruce explained why there was no Becket Town Report published in 1973. The state called for all municipalities to operate on a fiscal year budget. Becket's budget was based on the calendar year. There was an 18 month period covered in the 1974 Town Report converting to a fiscal year.
3. Land Trust president and secretary, Ken and Linda Smith have offered to conduct tours during celebration; possible dates May 24, June 13
4. Bills Bruce moved to pay the following, seconded, passed unanimously
  - a. Reimburse Linda Bacon for domain site \$9.99, good until April 2015
  - b. Reimburse Karen Karlberg for website hosting \$96.00, RVIXC Sales
  - c. Atlas Pyro Vision Productions, Inc., fireworks \$450.00 down payment to vendor

**M. Next Meeting**

**Monday May 5, 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.**

**N. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:27 P.M.

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis

Thank you