

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

May 5, 2014

## **I. Call to order**

Becket 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at 4:03 P.M. on May 5, 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, Michel Richard, Barb Roberts, George Roberts and Ann Spadafora

## **III. Open issues**

- A. Minutes-April 2014 motion to accept, seconded, passed unanimously
- B. History Book
  - 1. Making good progress
  - 2. Half dozen reports still not in
    - a. Dan Berg-YMCA camps
    - b. Bill Hoch-Camp Watitoh
    - c. Dan Osman-Dream Away
    - d. George-Cemeteries
    - e. Carrie Banks-Westfield River
    - f. Tina LeVasseur-Post Office consolidation
    - g. Bob Podolski-Business and commerce
    - h. Michel working on farms
  - 3. George completed Art Center report
  - 4. Photos-continue getting different seasons in Becket
- C. Geocache:
  - 1. Reviewed list of possible sites shared with Committee members at our April meeting; also included at the end of these minutes
    - a. Check for omissions
    - b. School plan, where they could walk, need a bus, arrange to attend Becket Washington School staff meeting in Sep. or Oct.
    - c. Additional sites in town to include online
  - 2. Letter to Selectboard seeking permission for town property and historic locations
    - a. Becket Historic Commission at April 2014 meeting
      - 1. Agreed to the use of Becket historic sites
      - 2. Agreed a letter should be sent to the Selectboard keeping them informed and seeking their permission

- b. Motion: Rita moved that Sandi create a letter with a list of the geocache sites to inform the Selectboard. Seconded, passed unanimously; also include the use of town maps
  - 3. Family event-Potluck supper with Berkshire geocachers
    - a. What is Geocaching?
    - b. Geocache hands-on event, pair Becket beginners with experienced geocachers at one of the town pavilions or school
- D. Expenses
  - 1. Sandi submitted receipts in a total of \$94. 58 for Passport supplies: memo booklets, labels, clear packing tape
  - 2. Rita moved that Committee pay the bill, seconded, passed unanimously
- E. Maps have been received, will be utilized later in the history update
- F. Website Becket250.org up and running
- G. Timeline
  - 1. May 24-Ecumenical Service
  - 2. May 25-Memorial Day-parade, ceremony, dedication, school participation-song, antique auto show, hot dogs provided by Federated Church, Art Center, Mullin House, Becket Athenaeum will all be open, possible historic walking tour of North Becket, period costumes, town song (or Jacob's Pillow)
  - 3. June 6-Camp Chimney Corners-games, free supper for Becket residents, fireworks, wood carver?
  - 4. June 13-Jacob's Pillow-musicians
  - 5. Ongoing events-Geocache, Book sales, website
  - 6. Quarry hike-led by Smith's
  - 7. Old house tours? Need organizer
  - 8. Tree planting-what and where, George suggested American chestnut and American elms; possible funds from Parks budget, Windy Hill has been used previously in town, Parade Grounds have elms that need replacing
- H. Seal-look at entries next meeting, narrow down to 3 choices
  - 1. logo for 250<sup>th</sup> celebration
  - 2. town flag
  - 3. cost
- I. **New Business**
  - 1. Bruce asked if the Committee is keeping track of our expenses; Rita has an accounting
  - 2. George suggested we start each meeting with Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and Free Cash
  - 3. Rita reported our expenditures
    - a. \$9.99 Linda domain site
    - b. \$157.05 Karen web course
    - c. \$96.00 Karen website hosting
    - d. \$9.99 Linda domain site
    - e. \$ 450.00 Atlas Pyro Vision Productions, Inc., fireworks down payment

- f. \$94.58 Sandi geocache supplies
- 4. Wood sculpture Sandi in contact with Ken Packie, possible locations
  - a. Chimney Corners George will check with Dan Berg
  - b. Jacob's Pillow, Summit, need other activities –food trucks?
- 5. Antique Auto Show Sandi in contact with member of Piston Poppers, Bill Mulholland will coordinate Becket only autos
- 6. Discussed if Committee can offer compensation to participating groups for their time, public safety police and fire; No either volunteer or already paid by the town, could possibly compensate for equipment

**J. Next Meeting**

- 1. Need to predict future expenditures
- 2. July or August confirm expenditures, commitments

**Monday June 2, 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.**

**K. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis

Thank you

## Considerations for geocache locations in Becket

School walking tour

School bus tour ◀

Geocache locations @ only

Most all of the considered sites could also be used for geocaching in addition to the school tours.

### North Becket Historic District 1765, National Registry 1988

1. Becket Washington School 1940, renovated 2003
2. Becket Athenaeum 1850
3. Mullen House 1875
4. Becket Land Trust Historic Quarry and Forest see below @
5. Becket Arts Center, Seminary Hall 1855-1940, American Legion Hall 1946-1975
6. Federated Church 1926, Baptist Church, Evangelical Society of North Becket 1844
7. Federated Church Parish House 1960, Home Dr. Leander Combs 1880
8. Town Office Building 1895-1896, also first fire station
9. St. Mathew's Church 1910-
10. Ballou Park 1935
11. Bidwell Park @
12. The Long House circa 1800 @
13. Cerelia Snow House circa 1858 @
14. The Davis House pre 1838
15. Old Higley Apothecary Shop 1857 @
16. The Ravine @
17. North Becket Cemetery 1854 ◀
18. Silk Mill ruins @
19. The Becket House pre 1898
20. Abbot Lot 1845

Camp Watitoh 1925

Camp Greylock 1911

YMCA Camp Becket 1903

YMCA Camp Chimney Corners 1931

Becket Town Beach @

### **Becket Center Historic District National Registry 1988** ◀

1. The Joseph Higley House 1775 ◀?@
2. Colonial Training Ground "The Parade" 1760 ◀
3. Monument at site of First Meeting House 1936 (1762-1764) ◀
4. First Congregational Church 1758, present building 1850 ◀
5. Horse sheds 1802 ◀
6. Becket Center Cemetery 1756 ◀
7. Guild Hall 1890, original Becket Town Hall ◀
8. Old Becket Center School, District 1 1814 ◀
9. Old Becket Parsonage 1868-1882, Camp Chimney Corners 1927 ◀?@
10. Brewster House 1786 ◀?@
11. The Pound 1768 ◀
12. Old Becket Center Post Office site 1756 ◀
  
13. Becket Town Hall 1891-1940, Present ◀@
14. Becket Center Town Park ◀@

### **West Becket**

1. Baird's Tavern 1790@
2. West Becket Cemetery 1837
3. Jacob's Pillow 1931, National Registry 2001/2003, Carter Farm circa 1790@trail?
4. Phelan Place circa 1790@?
5. The Whalen House 1788@?

### **Dish Hollow**

1. Fred Snow House pre 1790@?
2. Canterbury Farm circa 1789@
3. Stonybrooks, Seth Snow House pre 1789@?
4. Hiram Messenger Stagecoach tavern pre 1800@?
5. John Messenger House pre 1800@?

### **Camp Lenox**

Appalachian Trail 1920's

Becket Land Trust Historic Quarry and Forest 1991, quarry 1850's-1960's@

Middlefield-Becket Stone Arch Railroad Bridge built between 1833-1841, District  
National Registry 1980@

Jacob's Ladder Trail and Summit, stone cairn 1910, Jacob's Well@

10 school sites@