

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee Minutes

August 18, 2014

I. Call to order

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at approximately 3:18 P.M. 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 - Aug. 4, 2014 motion to accept, seconded, passed unanimously
- B. Financial report no new additions
- C. History Book - "Becket 250 From Colonial Township to Modern Town, Becket Celebrates 250 Years"
 1. Need to redo Committee group photos at September 8 meeting
 2. Artists - George is working on list, will ask if artists want to display work at Mullen House or Becket Athenaeum
 3. Musicians – Linda submitted the list
 4. Sidebars – Boston Post Cane, oldest Becket citizen, new recipient, need to get cane; Becket Motel during ice storm
 5. Photos and maps
 - a. Bruce and Sandi presented photos, including new submissions, organized by book chapter, discussion about photos, Committee asked Bruce and Sandi to make final decisions, meeting Friday Aug. 22 in Becket Room, Town Hall at 10 A.M.
 - b. May include a few photos taken prior to 1965
 - c. Ann provided originals for her earlier submissions, Linda will send some winter activity photos
- D. Logo - discussed Kathy Garren's logo submissions
 - a. Discussed possible changes, George proposed the following motion: "Move to accept the 250th Anniversary logo with the Pillow & Dancer(s) switched with "the deer" with appropriate adjustments to size and perspective." ; seconded, passed unanimously
 - b. Use as cover for book, need final ASAP
 - c. Email revised submissions to Committee members
 - d. Make a black & white copy
 - e. Present logo to Selectmen at their Aug. 20 meeting
- E. Geocache:

1. Barbara contacted the Dufour bus company for pricing information for Becket Washington School GeoTour
 - a. \$65.00 an hour
 - b. 3 hour minimum, \$195.00
 - c. Large bus can transport 60 students
2. August 14, 2014, Rita and Sandi met to plan time frame for student GeoTour; then met with Leslie Blake-Davis, Principal at Becket Washington School (BWS), it was a positive, cooperative meeting
 - a. Leslie recommended grades 3-5 participate
 - b. School enrollment (estimated): Grade 3 - 17 students, Grade 4 – 13 students, Grade 5 – 14 students, approximately 44 students total
 - c. Presently very little local history is covered at BWS
 - d. Students do not walk to the Athenaeum or tour North Becket
 - e. Some teachers sign students up for library cards
 - f. One complete day, better than 2 half days, schedule a rain day
 1. North Becket approximately 1 ½ hours, walking tour
 2. Becket Center approximately 2 ½ hours, bus tour
 - g. Schedule for first 2 weeks in June - after testing is complete May 29; not Memorial weekend; major, traditional school event – Student Art Show at Arts Center and Spaghetti Supper on Friday night, May 22, teachers, PTO and Girl Scouts volunteer
 1. Leslie volunteered her time to open the school for visitors as part of the Memorial Day celebration
 2. Custodial cost to keep the building open additional time would cost \$25-26/hour
 3. 250th Anniversary Committee will promote the school activities for the Memorial weekend
 - h. Students could have a picnic lunch, not necessary to return to school building for lunch, sanitary facilities are available on tour
 - i. Passports – Leslie prefers the Committee has them ready to hand out to the students; students can draw self portrait for the photo; better if Passports are collected outside the school (Town Hall, Athenaeum, stores etc?) by Oct. 1, 2015 as the 5th graders will no longer be attending BWS, GeoTour will be open to participants other than BWS students
 1. Leslie liked the idea of having the students record information at each location, they use journals already
 2. Leslie recommended 10-40-10 minutes at the end of the day to write about the day; “What was your favorite thing you learned or visited today?”, “What interesting fact did you learn today?”
 - j. It was agreed not to use BWS as a geocache site for safety reasons

- k. BWS could be used for the potluck supper with the GeoBashers, Leslie recommended the Girl Scouts and PTO might help, liked the family orientated activity
 - l. Requirements – Leslie will get school committee approval where necessary; CORI checks are not necessary off school grounds; Police coverage is not necessary – teachers will be with their students; plan to divide students into smaller groups with docents
 - m. Students grades K-5 visit Camp Chimney Corners 5 times a school year for 5 hours each day. Camp has trained professionals paid by BWS who lead the activities; Can Geocaching be included?
 - n. Discussed continuing GeoTour in the future beyond 2015 at certain grade levels; incoming 3rd graders, every other year, different activities for each grade level this year so GeoTour can be repeated each year
3. August 17, 2014, Sandi met with Kathy Gwozdz and Gary Rollins in Becket, explored geocache sites:
- a. North Village – letterbox or multi cache, GPS coordinates to starting point, then decrypt clues to next location, sites are too close together to have individual caches
 - b. Canterbury Farm – pointed out Fred Snow Rd., they will check it out on their own, explained Linda’s offer of cross country ski lesson or kayak rental as prize drawing for completing Becket H.O.O.T. passport
 - c. Becket Town Beach – discussed a kayak, canoe cache, NEED permission from Selectmen
 - d. Becket Center Historic District – walked around area, discussed history, Dave Furlong gave us a tour of church and graveyard, discussed shed-Dave said they were for wagons and horses were left in the meadow behind Guild Hall
 - e. Becket Center Park – they were impressed with the entire area and would like to have a potluck supper here, last Sunday in June on the 28th [Introduction to Geocaching 2P.M., Potluck 3P.M.], in the afternoon after the Quarry tour; cannot apply for geocache event until 90 days out, event cannot be part of a bigger event;
 - f. “Geocache 101, Family Introduction to Geocaching”
 - g. Town Hall – met Officer Mike Sawyer, introduced Kathy and Gary, Mike moved the cruisers for a photo opt for our book
4. Need to:
- a. Send a letter to Police Chief introducing Kathy and Gary, explain Geocaching and list cache locations to inform the police of our activities
 - b. Contact - Mike Sacco, Becket resident, owner of tee shirt shop in Mall, other town businesses to support celebration activities
 - c. Need to design and order our own wooden coin, Kathy and Gary gave us a sample wooden coin

- d. Photos – send them a DVD with our Becket photos that would help them apply for geocache permission
- e. Complete field trip grant application for Becket Cultural Council
- f. Attain verbal permission from private property owners of planned sites
- g. Complete Becket Cultural Council application

F. Timeline

- 1. January 1 - proposed release of Becket 250 book
- 2. May 22 - Becket Washington School Student Art Show at Becket Arts Center, Spaghetti Supper at BWS
- 3. May 24 – Ecumenical Service, First Congregational Church of Becket
- 4. May 25 - Memorial Day 10-2, traditional Parade, Monument dedication Ballou Park, student participation, BWS open for visitors, Becket Arts Center, Mullen House, Becket Athenaeum, antique autos, hot dogs with Federated Church, historic tours of North Becket
- 5. June - Quarry hike/tours every Sunday
- 6. June 1-12 day to be determined
- 7. June 6 (Rain date June 7) - Camp Chimney Corners 1-9 P.M., fireworks, cookout, field events, games, Bingo? Spelling bee? Dancing?
- 8. June 13 - Jacob’s Pillow 10-3, Becket musicians
- 9. June 21 - Tree planting at Parade Ground, Board of Selectmen, after church service
- 10. June 28 - Family Introduction to Geocaching, kick-off for Becket H.O.O.T (History Of Our Town) geocache activities, Becket Center Park & Pavilion
- 11. House tours-Canterbury Farms can be open, someone want to organize tours?

G. New Business

H. Next Meeting

Monday September 8, 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.**

I. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 P.M.

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis, Thank you