

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee Minutes

March 2, 2015

I. Call to order

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at approximately 4:18 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, George Roberts and Ann Spadafora; guests Police Chief Kristopher McDonough and Town Administrator Ed Gibson

III. Open issues

- A. Minutes – Jan. 12, 2015 discussion, motion to accept as edited, seconded, passed unanimously
- B. Financial report – Book printing cost \$12,225; Design cost Worth International Media, \$5,800; geocache supplies \$258.54, flags; balance in black, wooden nickels yet to be ordered, Rita will get printout from Treasurer's Office and email balance to Committee
- C. Police Chief discussed police coverage for 250th events
 1. Memorial Day, May 25 thru 3PM, presence in North Becket, all cruisers and as many officers as possible
 2. June 6 1 PM to conclusion of fireworks, staff to assist with parking, presence
 3. June 13 need to check with Jacob's Pillow if they are providing a detail officer, Chief McDonough will check his options for presence, detail patrol cruiser to area
 4. June 8 BWS geo-tour of town, along Rt. 8
 5. June 28 2-5 PM geocache class and potluck supper at Becket Center Park & Pavilion
- D. Historic Geo-tour with students, new date June 8, Monday, all day, picnic lunch
 1. Need 2 docents for each location, 8 people total, Sandi & Barb oversee, troubleshoot, Linda [Tommie] Art Center, Rita/Barb Mullen House/Church, Karen Ballou Park/Pound, Bruce Parade Ground/Town Hall
 2. Possible 5th grade student drummer for June 8, Parade Ground
 3. Spreadsheet for teachers, docents
 4. Sandi has history for each location, will get copy to Committee members
- E. Flag
 1. Need required file format from Kathy Garren, Rita will send George Kathy's contact information

2. George and Karen will see about ordering new flags
3. One sided flag, white background, with Becket 250th logo including 3 lines: “Becket, Massachusetts; Celebrating 250 Years; 1765-2015”

F. Memorial Day

1. Revolutionary War speaker, Linda will ask Dave, rent costume, Memoir of a Revolutionary Soldier by Joseph Plumb Martin book shared by Barb, Sandi will look for further information
2. Becket Washington School will be open from 12-2 PM, Karen “oldie selfie” use plywood with cutout and painted costume
3. Puppetry in the Athenaeum
4. Sandi multiple use of buildings in town, photos then and now, where they are located

IV. New Business

- A. Discussion about “gift of a Liberty Tree Memorial” email sent to George from Sarah Whitaker; <http://libertytreesociety.org/>
 1. Not a free gift, similar to pyramid scheme, money has to be raised
 2. Committee is not interested in the offer
- B. Town insurance rider
 1. YMCA looking for rider for pony rides at Camp Chimney Corners; Joey Burke introduced the pony offer
 2. Should we notify our insurance carrier? Ed Gibson kindly joined our meeting, he asked for list of events and where they are going to be held [Sandi sent Ed an email with the information]
- C. Children’s dance performance at Jacob’s Pillow, email from Norton Owen to Rita [Rita will forward Norton’s email to all Committee members], Dawn Lane who has a separate grant to work with BWS students, expects compensation, Ann will find out what she would charge?
- D. Revisited compensation for non-Becket musicians; Bruce motion: “Move: The Committee compensate musicians \$100 [a day] each for Becket Day at Jacob’s Pillow contingent on having sufficient funds in the account.”, seconded, discussion, passed
- E. Berkshire GeoBash request permission to link to Becket250.org, approved
- F. Stephanie Abrams contacted Bruce, Becket, Lanesborough, Richmond, possibly Williamstown - all celebrating 250th this year, June 2 Gala Ball, at Crowne Plaza,
- G. Sandi motion: “Move that the Committee accept the Proclamation/resolution/citation written by Bruce for the June 21, 2015 event.” Seconded, passed

V. Next Meeting

- A. Rita suggested the Committee delay the decision on the design and number of wooden nickels until the April 6 meeting

Monday April 6, 2015

Becket Room, Town Hall 4 P.M.

Thank you for your continued attendance and support of this Committee!

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:42 P.M.

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis, Thank you