

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee Minutes

April 6, 2015

I. Call to order

Becket 250th Anniversary Committee (Committee) began the meeting at approximately 4:02 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 and Ann Spadafora; guests Selectman William Elovirta, Ariana Brawley-Jacob's Pillow representative, Dan Berg-Y Camps representative, Chris Post-Wandering Star Craft Brewery owner and Joe Burke-disc jockey

III. Open issues

- A. Minutes – Mar 2, 2015 discussion, motion to accept as edited, seconded, passed unanimously
- B. Financial report–Rita emailed printout from Treasurer's Office with Committee balance
 1. \$10,000 in account
 2. Encumbered funds
 - a. \$4,050 allocated for fireworks
 - b. \$100 allocated for line dance instructor
 - c. About \$400.00 for second order of 250th Anniversary flags
 - d. Jacob's Pillow Day musicians Linda estimated 4 at \$100 each
 - e. Jacob's Pillow will orchestrate its day at no cost to the Town
 - f. Possible insurance rider for pony rides and residents at CCC
 - g. \$195.00 Bus for geo-tour with BWS students, have Becket Cultural Council grant approval but need to pay and then be reimbursed
 3. Approximately \$5,000 remaining funds [minus \$1000.00 for wooden nickels voted later in this meeting]
 4. Financial report stands as read
- C. Police coverage not needed for Jacob's Pillow at Rt. 20, large parking lot, not a concentrated arrival and departure time, they are not paying for a detail officer; Becket Police Department will assist in coverage at Camp Chimney Corners
- D. Joe Burke spoke about pony rides at CCC, 2 horses, unable to get own insurance coverage, Committee waiting for information from Town Administer Ed Gibson; Joe offered to share his sound system with line dance instructor
- E. 250th Book should be available at Town Meeting, need volunteer(s) to sell them; also "An Historic Tour of Becket, Massachusetts"
- F. Bills-Linda submitted a bill for \$10.99 for the annual domain fee, proposal to reimburse Linda, passed unanimously
- G. Pole banners for entry ways to town, Dan will offer some assistance as long as he can
 1. 2 options-hire company to hang or hang ourselves, prefer to pay a company

2. Need state and utility permits
 3. Cost for 30" x 60" banner, 2 sided full color, 12 banners, \$1, 950.00, brackets \$600, installation on poles \$500, total of \$3,600 [\$3,050.00?]
 4. Locations-10
 - a. Lee Rt. 20
 - b. Rt. 8 South
 - c. Rt. 8 North, Washington
 - d. Bonny Rigg Corner
 - e. Rt. 20 Chester
 - f. Y.M.C.A. Rd. for our events
 - g. Town Hall
 - h. McNerney and Washington Rds.
 - i. North Becket Village
 - j. County Rd. and Yokum Rd.
 5. Discussion proud of our town, don't make the town garish with too many "billboards", adapt the 250th logo for continued use of the banners in the future
 6. Karen made the motion: "To order and implement 10 flags for the event, using the rectangular design from the front cover of the book, text 'Welcome' on top, 'Becket, Massachusetts' on bottom." Seconded, tabled
 7. Rita made the motion: "Rectangular shape or circle shape", approved rectangular shape
 8. Rita made a motion: "For \$3,000 toward 10 pole flags", approved
 9. Karen or Sandi will send book cover jpeg file to Dan, Dan will begin process of ordering
- H. Camp Chimney Corners Dan will have a map for our next meeting, design handout with map and schedule to handout to participants on arrival
- I. Jacob's Pillow 10 am -3pm, Ariana
 1. Pub will be open for food
 2. Alcohol is allowed anywhere on the grounds
 3. Needs time slots to determine what dance production companies to approach
 4. Inside/Out stage being used by musicians, 7 bands, 5 hours
 5. Doris Duke Theater for musicians rain venue, standing room 1,000, seating 220
 6. Studio space for dance performance
 7. Great Lawn or Tea Garden for interactive dance class, children's games/activities; staff and interns will supervise
 8. Ariana will pitch 2 dance teachers at \$50 each, ballet, hip hop, class outside
 9. Parking-ample space, will be managed by the Pillow
 10. Crash promotions to include Becket 250th, emails; 250th will promote Jacob's Pillow as well; need map of grounds and Jacob Pillow events; Linda will have musician info: Praise Team, Prowd Poverty, Luke and Errol Bates[Bates and Son], Dave Bacon and Dana Welts [Lady Di and the Dukes], Ann Krawet, Chandler Brothers, and Bobby Sweet and B Sweet Band.
 11. Archives will be open
 12. Tours will be offered
 13. Video screenings
 14. Store will be open

- J. Revolutionary War speaker, Dave Bacon has volunteered, Chris and Linda will check on uniforms/costumes, Sandi will provide information to Dave
- K. Civil War speaker, Skip Saville
- L. Historic Geo-tour with students, June 8, Monday 9am-1:50pm, picnic lunch
1. Meeting with Leslie Blake-Davis, 70 minutes less than previously planned
 2. Sandi will try to make some Power Point presentations to cover extra material
 3. Linda will follow-up with BWS student to play drum at Parade Grounds
 4. Need 2 docents for each location, Sandi passed out chart and time schedule; see attached below
 5. Sandi has history for each location, will email copy to docent members
 6. Linda may have a musket
 7. Pound maybe covered from the bus
 8. Bruce will discuss town government/civics in Senior Center, reserve room
 9. Overlap time for restroom breaks and lunch, tour of artifacts in Town Hall
 10. Rope activity for 250 years will be in the field for interested students to explore
 11. Geocache and culminating activities back in Arts Center with all 3 grades
 12. Students will finish the day with 10/40/10 writing exercise, post essays on website
 13. Do docents and/or teachers want to meet before June 8? Linda will ask teachers
 14. Teachers will be given a packet of information for enrichment either pre/post June 8; bag of 250 beans with white beans equal to age of students
 15. Neither Barb nor Sandi received any calls from businesses wanting to donate to the Oct. 1 town geocache drawing; they recommend dropping the event
 16. Gary Rollins was looking for a Jacob's Ladder site for a geocache; Ed Gibson received Selectmen approval to use the town property at the former Jacob's Well development area
- M. Book-Donald L. Lutes, Jr., Berkshire Genealogist Indexing Committee, prepared an Index to Becket, Massachusetts 1765-2015 From Colonial Township to Modern, published by Berkshire Family History Association, Inc. for the Berkshire Athenaeum gave us a copy and agreed to allow us to make copies
1. Rita requested 2 copies for the Becket Historical Commission
 2. Committee should offer a copy to the Becket Athenaeum
 3. Sandi will scan and send digital images to Committee members
- N. Wooden nickels discussion: front side multicolor with the 250th logo, black text "1765**BECKET**2015" "250TH ANNIVERSARY"; side 2 Massachusetts state outline with star on Becket location, dark green text "1765**BECKET**2015" "***MASSACHUSETTS**"
- Cost order as many as possible for \$1,000 including shipping, no tax
- O. Bruce clarified derivation of name Becket, Bicentennial book was erroneous, Mulholland account posted in Town Hall agrees with Karen's account from Wikipedia on Becket250.org
- P. Bruce reported on Crowne Plaza event June 2 celebrating 4 Berkshire towns celebrating their 250th, contact person: Stephanie Abrams; Williamstown, Lanesborough, Richmond and Becket; tickets \$40, tables of 8 or 10, raffle \$5 for trip to Ireland; looking for colonial recipes-email to Bruce; artifacts, photos, tee shirts and books

- Q. Bruce radio interview, stephanieabrams.com, streaming on April 11, BRK 101.7 on April 19 8 am
- R. Karen reported on April 14 at the meeting of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, she will introduce our Becket 250th history book, they will help to publicize the book
- S. Tree Planting confirmations from Sen. Pignatelli and Rep. Downing, still waiting to hear from Governor, U.S. Senators, U.S. Rep. Neal and Becket Selectmen; Bruce will be Master of Ceremonies, discussed order of speakers, pledge ?, Bobby Sweet Becket song recording? Live music?; followed by refreshments courtesy of the Ladies Guild at Guild Hall

IV. **New Business**

- A. Memorial Day Bill Elovirta brought forward concerns from some fire department members, parade should be to honor veterans, not antique cars squealing tires, program will be solemn observation; parade may be more festive but respectful
 - B. Chris Post, Becket resident, founder, owner and brewmaster for Wandering Star Craft Brewery
 - 1. Proposed a beer garden as one had been a part of the 1965 Bicentennial
 - 2. Looking for North Becket Village location on Memorial Day
 - 3. Previous parties at Jacob's Pillow and Canterbury Farm, both Ariana and Linda spoke well of the management of their events
 - 4. Asked about Memorial Day at Arts Center [Town owned] or Athenaeum as a charity fundraiser
 - 5. Bill reported alcohol is not allowed on Town property, Selectmen presently working on regulations for Town; open containers not allowed if people start walking around the Village; new regulations will not be in place in time for a 250th event
 - 6. Wandering Star has insurance coverage for confined, permitted area and are qualified pourers; insurance does not cover if any other BYOB at same event
 - 7. Committee discussed other possibilities, not comfortable holding it on Memorial Day, not appropriate for Camp; Jacob's Pillow could be a better location; Ariana will check and get back to Committee; Dan will check with Camp about over 21 Beer Garden, cannot bring own alcohol onto camp grounds
 - 8. Chris asked to table the discussion for the Memorial Day location if Jacob's Pillow cannot host the beer garden
- V. **Next Meeting** Docents dry run for the June 8, BWS town tour will meet at Town Hall at 3pm to travel to locations and go over information

Monday May 4, 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 6:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Sandi Jarvis, Thank you

**Becket Washington School Historic GeoTour of Becket
Schedule for Monday, June 8, 2015**

- 9:00 BWS Grades 3, 4 & 5 on bus to Becket Center
- 9:10-10:30 Becket Center tour 20 minutes each:
 - Parade Grounds and First Meeting Place monument
 - First Congregational Church
 - Becket Center Cemetery, horse sheds, Guild Hall
 - Town Pound **from bus, approximately @ 10:10, Police assistance**

Location: Docents:	Parade Grounds Bruce/Linda	Pound All	Church Karen/Barb	Cemetery/Guild/Sheds Tommie/Rita
9:10	3		4	5
9:30	4		5	3
9:50	5		3	4
10:10		3, 4, 5		

- 10:30-10:40 bus to Town Hall
- 10:40- 11:10 30 minute tour of Town Hall, town government/civics, present day, grades 3,4 & 5, Bruce [tour Town Hall artifacts]
- 11:10-11:25 restroom break/tour Town Hall artifacts
- 11:15-11:45 Lunch at Pavilion/Becket Center Park, 250 foot rope activity
- 11:45-11:55 Bus to North Becket, Cultural Council grant for 3 hours
- 11:55- 1:15 North Becket Village tour 20 minutes each:
 - Mullen House
 - Arts Center
 - Becket Athenaeum
 - Ballou Park and Silk Mill ruins

Location: Docents:	Mullen House Rita/Barb	Arts Center Linda/Tommie	Athenaeum Kathy/Nancy	Ballou/Silk Mill Karen/Bruce
11:55	3	4		5
12:15	5	3	4	
12:35		5	3	4
12:55	4	Setup for geocache, Sandi, Linda. Tommie	5	3

- 1:15-1:40 Arts Center - Pull it all together, grade level geocache activity to find their trinkets, approve passports, promote further exploration
- 1:40-1:50 Return to BWS
- 1:50-2:50 writing 10/40/10 in classrooms

Thanks to all for making this historic tour possible!