

Becket Historical Commission

January 6, 2010 7 p.m.

Present: Robert Gorden, Chairman; Barbara Stuhlmann, Secretary; Rita Furlong, Treasurer; Aaron Beatty.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

General discussion followed concerning our financial situation and review of our protocol for handling donations, i.e. items of historic interest, proceeds from sales of books of Becket History, maps, etc.

Correspondance: Received schedule of meetings for 2010.

Stone Arch Bridge Restoration: Rob had written to Matt Card (15 Dec 09) of Purcell Association in Boston assuring him of our whole-hearted support of the project "with the understanding that all work will be approved by the Mass. Historical Commission and reviewed under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966." Mr. Card, in turn, assured Rob that material already at the site would be utilized and any extra materials used would be as close as possible to the period.

Town Reports are due January 31. Rob will dedicate the first part of our report to Richard Furlong, previous town Administrator (15 years.)

Aaron is putting the finishing touches to our Maps. We have been told that CPA funds are available to pay for them.

Cell Tower/A T & T has promised to use a red balloon 3' by 3' so it will be easily seen. Schedule dates are January 23rd, 30th, February 6th and 13th (snow, blustery weather options)

We received copies in CD format of taped interviews with Dr. Breit and Francis Snow a few years ago; conducted by Rita Furlong and Robert Gerner (Dr. Breit) and Rob Gerner (Mrs Snow).

Received a gift copy from Chester Historical Commission of their History of Chester book. We will donate \$15 to the Chester Historical Commission.

Rita reminded us of the 250th anniversary of Becket, in 2015; it is not too early to begin thinking about it. She suggested we approach the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to solicit some ideas. One thing we should plan is an updating of our Becket History book since there have been some changes over the past 50 years (for example, a new form of town government).

Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Stuhlmann