

Becket Historical Commission Meeting 4/24/13

Present: Aaron Beatty, Jennifer Beatty, Rob Gordon, Rita Furlong, Harry Roff

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Minutes from 3/27/13 meeting read and accepted as read

Treasurer's Report – no change since March, still have a balance of \$288.94

Communications

- MA humanities – MA history conference notice
- Planning board – Minstrel Way property asking for extension– no hist. concerns
- MA Historical in Boston – notice of Historical Conference in Lexington, MA 10/18/13 – workshops TBD
- MA Historical sent form asking us to update information of Historical Commission members

Gift Account – Rita spoke to Nina and Nina will no longer be putting funds in the gift account

Susquincennial Celebration

- Rita will let commission know if any help is needed

New Members

- Discussion about how to recruit new members
- Rob will follow up to see if Gail has been appointed by the Select Board to the Historical Commission

Old Business

- Rita got email from Lauren (Berkshire Regional Planning) – they have funds to repair/re-etch the stone obelisk (wagon accident)
- Rob found original text for the stone obelisk so we can provide it to Lauren
- Jenn will make a small sign to that we can laminate and place near the obelisk, directing people to the West Becket Cemetery where John Glee's tombstone is located (the victim of the wagon accident).
- Laruen also stated that funds were available to create a sign at the intersection of routes 8 & 20 directing people to the North Becket Historic District and Becket Center Historic Districts.
- Jenn suggested that we should explore adding a similar directional sign on Washington Mountain Road directing people to the North Becket Historic District. This would be a project the Commission would have to fund itself.

New Business

- There was a discussion about the Higley Apothecary on Pleasant Street, which has been put on the market along with the house across the street at 43 Pleasant Street. Rob did some research and found that the Apothecary is currently assessed at \$68,000.
- The commission discussed what (if anything) we can do to help preserve the historic importance of the Apothecary. Rob will confer with MA Historical.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm