

## **Historical Commission Meeting – April 1, 2014**

Present: Aaron Beatty, Jenn Beatty, Rita Furlong, Sandi Jarvis

Meeting called to order at 6:38

Minutes from the March meeting read and Rita moved they be accepted with minor edits, Sandi seconded and the motion passed unanimously (Sandi's name was misspelled, microfiche should have read microfilm in a few places and Agenda & minutes need to be sent to George Roberts as well)

**Treasurer's Report** – no expenditures since last meeting

### **Communications**

- Barb Roberts sent us some information about Eliza Snow
- Lots of discussion about information being gathered for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Sandi has been busy gathering information regarding maps, Geocaching and other various articles
- Rita is updating information about churches in Becket info for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Gene R. Gobel (413.212.7152) stopped by the Historical Commission room while Sandi and Gail were there – he expressed interest in the CCC – and wanted to put a Geocache there. He also asked about the monument at the intersection of routes 8 & 20. Gene also expressed interest in acquiring information about the Becket/Chester railroad – it was suggested that he contact Mr. Anderson, who has researched it extensively.
- Sandi has been scanning and photographing and collecting old maps of Becket for possible inclusion in the update of Becket's history for our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Aaron will send digital map files he has to Sandi.
- Lincoln Bascom (413.562.0340) stopped by the Historical Commission room while Sandi and Gail were there – he bought land at end of Depot St.– he is looking for pictures of what used to be there.

### **Old Business**

- Obelisk – Rita will pursue getting information from Mr. Williams after Memorial Day
- Aaron will contact Dave about directional signs and will figure out a plan/schedule for repairing them
- No report of any action on the CPC or Athenaeum ad hoc committees

### **New Business**

- Bill Mulholland expressed interest in Becket Civil War and Revolutionary veterans. Aaron will make copies of what we have and send it to Bill.
- We need to ask Selectmen about getting permission to Geocache historic places
- There was a discussion about who we should send our Agendas and minutes to via email. Rita mentioned that we must send them to George Roberts and Nina. She suggested that we also send them to Ed and the selectmen.
- Rita noted that the state highway group, when clearing culverts, mowed down the Becket Center National Historic District sign on Rte. 8 north of YMCA Road. Rita called the head of the department in Lenox and reported it. They said they would come and check it out. If they're at fault they would repair/replace it when able.

Rita moved to adjourn, Sandi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17