

Becket Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2014

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Minutes from September meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – no change since last meeting

Communications – we received confirmation of our payment for the community calendar

Old Business

- a. Athenaeum ad hoc committee – no news
- b. Obelisk – we had a discussion about the placement of the new monument in Ballou Park – Rita measured out where it should go based on the symmetry of the other monuments. There was a discussion about what the etching on the stone should say exactly (some further research is needed on this item) and how we will display the names of the soldiers from Becket.
- c. Directional signs – Rita reported that the area around the map on route 20 has been cleared – we should be able to put in that directional sign. Rita will help coordinate the construction of a new frame for the directional sign in Becket Center. Rita will contact Dave Bacon regarding construction for the directional sign for the Becket Center sign that rotted.
- d. Higley Apothecary status update – there is little left inside the building that is worth salvaging. Jenn presented pictures of the inside that show the poor condition of the structure and lack of remaining historical artifacts.
- e. MA Historical – Aaron communicated with MA Historical regarding their request for information related to various plots in Becket. He still needs to follow up with Rob Gorden on a few items.

New Business

- Sandi found an article in the archives of the Becket Athenaeum that may be useful for the Civil War monument display of names – it is a document that shows Civil War soldiers treated by Dr. Brewster. We will try to scan the document.
- Gail mentioned her willingness to do some archive work for us; we will revisit this topic at our November meeting.

Rita made a motion to adjourn. Sandi seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm