

Historical Commission on 7/7/15 @ 6:30pm

In attendance: Aaron Beatty, Jenn Beatty, Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong

ACTION ITEMS IN RED

TREASURER'S REPORT

- We received \$17 for the sale of Walking Tour books – this will go into our petty cash fund
- In FY2014 we had \$23.98 in expenditures
- We have \$658.40 in our gift account
- Our budget for FY2015 is \$700

COMMUNICATIONS

- Received a few notices from ZBA – no historical concerns on any of them.
- Received FY 2015 Budget vs. Expenditure Report from Ed Gibson
- Received a donation from Becket Washington School (former 4th grade teacher Ms. Fielder) including a 1993 VHS day in the life of a 5th grade student & lots of student materials / work
- Received an inquiry from a Eunice Raifsta (Geroline) – who has written stories about Becket. Her son is a publisher in Gt. Barrington and she wants to know if we want the stories to be published. Rita followed up with her and asked her to send us some stories for us to see – we have not heard back.
- Dreamland property (69 Brooker Hill Rd.) – the current owners (East Dennis Oyster Farm owners) have an interest in removing both the top two (upper pillars) to make access to their driveway more convenient. **Aaron will email them to try to find a time when members of Historical Commission can meet with them to discuss this matter.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Athenaeum ad hoc committee – this was originally established as a 3yr-committee – the 3 years is up and the committee is now defunct – it is in hands of Select Board to see if it will be resuscitated.
- Directional Signs - this project is in a holding pattern – **Aaron will call Dave Bacon and try to move things forward.**
- Obelisk – the obelisk is completed and installed and looks great. The sign that Jenn made with the list of names is working well; Rita saw a sign at the Becket Quarry that may be a model for a more permanent display – she will investigate this option. **Sandi will investigate a possible omission on the list of names (William Bourne?).**

NEW BUSINESS

- Aaron is stepping down from his position as co-chairperson of the Historical Commission and will become an inactive member.
- Jenn will shift her role from co-chairperson to secretary
- Sandi will take over responsibility for presiding over the meetings and will continue to pick up the mail
- Rita will serve as backup secretary
- Rita made a motion to purchase an external hard drive for use by the Historical Commission. Jenn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **Sandi will purchase.**

Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.