

Becket Historical Commission Meeting

11/03/15

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

The meeting commenced at 6:38 pm.

Minutes from October's meeting were read and accepted. Sandi moved to accept the minutes and Jenn seconded.

Treasurer Report. The commission carried over \$1000* from last fiscal year. Our current balance was \$1593.01 minus \$500 expense pending for the North Becket Directional sign for a final balance of \$1093.01.

Communication.

The Commission received a request from the library which was asked for information on the property at 43 Pleasant St. The Berkshire Athenaeum may have more information than we have, but the commission decided to provide the information from the Walking Tour.

Western Mass Historical Commission invited us to attend a presentation on Cemetery Preservation, but unfortunately we received it after the event had already occurred. Since this is a project that the commission is interested in learning more about, Jenn will contact the experts listed to see what resources are available.

Old Business

Directional Signs – The North Becket sign was completed by Dave Bacon. He reportedly discarded one of the signs that we planned to use for another location, so we will be looking for another person to construct the other signs. Rita and Sandi each have a possibility to contact and will report back when they receive quotes.

Computer for Historical Commission- Sandi emailed Ed who said our computer will be installed in the next couple of weeks. She also asked if we would need training on using the computer and he said yes. We will have MSOffice, Adobe and Internet access.

Organizing Becket Room- We will take inventory and plan a working meeting to do this project perhaps in the New Year.

“Welcome to Becket” banners – DPW will remove these for winter and once they are down we can see what we can do to fix the spelling error.

Cemetery Repairs – Sandi asked George for an up to date list of the burials which he provided. The list is 69 pages and is current through August 2015.

Baseball Uniforms/Display – Rita researched appropriate display boxes for the two uniforms we acquired. They are \$29 plus tax and shipping and we would need to purchase two. Rita moved to approve the purchase and Gail seconded.

Granite Artifacts in Town Hall – There are a couple of pieces that we can use and then we can refer to the Mullen House.

New Business

One of the former schoolhouses in Becket is owned by the brother of the late inhabitant. He contacted Rita inquiring if the commission is interested in the house. It needs to be cleaned out and restored. We researched the original name of the building and found it is the North Becket School circa 1939. Mr. Capeless will be back in touch with Rita.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59. Sandi moved and Rita seconded.