HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES TOWN of BECKET

December 6, 2016, 6 pm

Attendance: Sandi Jarvis, Gail Kusek, Rita Furlong, Katherine Hoak

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm.
- II. Minutes of the Nov.1, 2016 meeting were approved after minor improvements were inserted.
 - III. Treasurer's Report: \$1,493.50 available
 - IV. Communications

A. Old—

Dewey Portraits Sandi sent a copy of the extensive email between her and Will Blake (owner of the portraits) in Bath, ME to Ed Gibson. Decisions about the purchase of the portraits are on-going.

B. New-

- -Emails on behalf of the Historical Commission are official documents according to MA Attorney General, so they need to be kept.
- Sandi donated a binder for Deeds to Donation of Papers and Historical Materials to the Historical Archives, "Deed of Gift."
- -There was a meeting between Ted Greenwood (Arts Ctr. Representative,) Ed Gibson, Bill Girard to discuss the new lift to be built in the Ctr. No deed restriction could be found to affect the lift.
- -There's a bin of old family artifacts of the Smith-Ballou family. Carol Estes may donate it to HC. It contains silk mill artifacts, photo albums, letters, etc.

V. Old Business

- A. Becket Arts Center (See above)
- B. CPC Gail was unable to attend meeting on Nov. 16th. CPC approved the updated application form that will be on the town's website under CPC.
- C. Directional Signs: the posts are up, thanks to Rita and Sandi. Putting the signs up is in progress.
- D. Filing, organizing and categorizing HC artifacts is in progress.
- E. Plan of Action
 - 1. Photos
 - 2. Publicizing Historical Commission #1-4 Nothing new added
 - 3. Links on Town website, Athenaeum
 - 4. Historical Property Survey of town

- 5. Inventory-Gail is updating HC forms and is getting forms ready in the binder and in folders on the computer for retrieval; the ultimate goal is to update them online at the Massachusetts Historical Commission site.
- 6. Becket Demolition By-laws: letter was sent to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen requesting notification when Demolition Permits are granted, enabling us to get photos of the property before its demolition. There has been no feedback yet.

F. Donations

- 1. Display plaques Under discussion for basket display
- 2. Display locations at both Mullen House & HC -Perhaps we could have a display of baskets at the town meeting as an outreach for HC.

VI. New Business—none

VII. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:30pm. Please note the change in time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.