

Town of Becket Historical Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 6:01 p.m.

Historical Commission Office

Attending: Sandi Jarvis, Rita Furlong, Gail Kusek

Absent: W. Katherine Hoak

Jan. 27, 2017 Minutes approved

Treasurer's Balance: \$1,443.50

Our February meeting was unofficial as the town clerk failed to post the meeting.

Communications:

Sandi wrote a letter of support for the Becket Arts Center for their CPA request for exterior funding and siding repair. She attended the BAC Board meeting on Feb. 21st on behalf of the Becket Historical Commission.

Sandi wrote a letter of support for the Community Development Block Grant.

Sandi communicated with Will Blake, owner of the Dewey portraits, and his daughter may send sizes and pictures of the portraits.

We received an email from Davis Weissbrod of Washington Historical Commission wondering if the Dewey portraits were related to the Dewey family of Lenox.

Received a request regarding the Wheeler/Dewey family connection. Sandi responded and did some research for them. They were appreciative.

Old Business:

Sandi completed and submitted our request for funding for the Dewey Portraits to the Community Preservation Committee. It included letters of support Letters from Sean and Michelle Raymer, Ed Gibson-Town Administrator, Sally Soluri (BAC), and Bill Elovirta-Selectman

Bill Girard, Becket Building Inspector, gave us many pictures of recently demolished houses in Becket on a hard drive for our records. Sandi thanked him profusely.

Plan of Action: Sandi produced local History Vertical Files from the Berkshire Athenaeum in both printed form and on our computer.

Our historical property and inventory projects were not addressed at this meeting and will be dealt with next month.

Sandi and Gail did a site visit on February 20th at the Becket Arts Center with Sally Soluri and Susan Dworkin to view the area where an elevator will be installed.

On February 21, Sandi attended the BAC board meeting as a representative of the Historical Commission.

Rita will contact Dave Drugmand who is producing the 4' x 6' directional signs for us. The posts are installed in holes dug by Rita and Sandi last fall. We expect that he is waiting for suitable weather to complete the project. Hopefully the signs will be done during this fiscal year.

New Business:

Rita will procure a plaque for the folding chairs in the large meeting room that were once part of the Becket Consolidated School. She will also purchase black and colored ink cartridges for the printer. We will discuss ways to identify the many baskets in our collection at the next meeting.

Sandi will purchase supplies for our office using our yearly budgeted funds. They will include: pencils, acid free tissue paper, post-it notes, a power strip, and USB power items.

Sandi found a map case at the Restore and thought it to be ideal for storing our map collection. Gail moved that we pay \$50.00 for it. Rita seconded. Vote: unanimous. Sandi will arrange for picking it up and delivering it to our office.

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Furlong, Sec. Pro-tem