

**Town of Becket
Joint meeting of the
Board of Selectmen & Historical Commission
Joint Meeting
November 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
557 Main Street, Becket**

Attendees:

Board of Selectmen: William (“Bill”) Elovirta, *Chair*; Nicole Ledoux, *Vice-Chair*
Michael Lavery, *Clerk*

Historical Commission: Sandi Jarvis, *Chairperson*; Rita Furlong, Gail Kusek, Katherine Hoak

Staff: Ed Gibson, *Town Administrator*; Beverly Gilbert, *Recording Secretary*

Others: Joy Lennartz, Richard Furlong, Sally Kusek, Charles Flint, Deb Toomey
Susie Dworkin, Sally Soluri, Bruce Garlow

1. Call to order

Sandi called the Historical Commission meeting to order at 6 p.m. Bill called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. when Nicole arrived. Michael Lavery entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

2. Opening Celebration of the Abel and Lydia Dewey portraits funded by the Becket Community Preservation Committee, and a handmade quilt made by Gertrude Ballou about 1890 which was recently donated

Sandi Jarvis articulated introductions and described the Historical Commission’s journey and meaning behind the town’s recent acquisition of the Abel and Lydia Dewey portraits, and handmade signature quilt made by Gertrude Ballou. Charlie Flint spoke about value of the portraits and quilt.

The residents of Becket and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts funded the portraits through the Becket Community Preservation Act. The Historical Commission expressed appreciation to the Blake Family for making it possible to return the Dewey portraits to Becket. They thanked the people of Becket and the Community Preservation Committee for their support in attaining the portraits. They acknowledged the below individuals for their assistance relating to these portraits that are displayed in the lobby of the Town Hall:

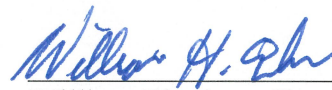
- Community Preservation Committee members Neil Toomey - Chair; Cindy Delpapa, Jan Elovirta, Rita Furlong, Gail Kusek & James Levy
- Becket Board of Selectmen members William Elovirta, Nicole Ledoux & Jeanne Pryor
- Becket Town Administrator Edward Gibson
- Art and Antiques dealer, appraiser Charles Flint
- Becket Building and Grounds Technician Dave Shorey

The Historical Commission acknowledged and expressed appreciation towards Alice Ballou Morse, Elizabeth N. Gummere, and Mary Olmstead for donating to the town their family handmade quilt made by Gertrude Ballou about 1890. Gail Kusek discussed a handout she had provided containing her research, information, and photographs of nearly all of the many individuals named through stitching on this signature quilt.

3. Board of Selectmen and Historical Commission to adjourn the meeting

The Board of Selectmen and Historical Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. At 6:40 p.m. the program concluded, and refreshments and pastries were served. There were many positive remarks about the portraits, quilt, presentation, and delicious homemade treats.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gilbert, Secretary



William Elovirta, *Chairperson*