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Historical Commission
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

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Meeting Minutes from
August 24, 2020
Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Historical Commission members present: Lynn Lak (Chairman), Lorrie Willette, Wanda Mysona, Kathy Galford, Claudia Kadra, Cynthia Allen

Historical Commission members absent:

Public: Stuart Beckley, Kathy Deschamps

1. Administrative

- a) Approve minutes from June 15 – Motion by Kathy Galford to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Claudia Kadra. So voted 6/0
- b) Treasurer's Report – K. Galford presented the report. Two payments went out for the bells. \$9,100 is left for the bells. The Schmitt Fund donated \$1,069 to the Historical Commission. Motion by Wanda Mysona to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Lorrie Willette. So voted 6/0.

2. Special Projects – Town Hall

- a) The first phase of the bell project is complete. The second phase will be to purchase the controller which makes the chimes work. Mr. Lamb has volunteered to do the electrical work. The project does not include the carillon. Veteran's Day is the target date to have everything working.
- b) It was suggested if the Friends are looking for another project, the floors might be a good one. The cost would be approximately \$15,000 for the stage, floor, balcony and steps to balcony.
- c) Cynthia will check out possible options to preserve the stage curtain. Kathy will call the Smithsonian to see how it can be treated.
- d) Lynn will email Anna concerning the stairs...are they needed.
- e) Grant- Carl and Rose architects were in to look at the building, for a cost of \$15,000. There is \$85,000 left for the project, which will be mostly brickwork.

3. Old Business & Updates

- a) Hitchcock Building-Stuart explained the goal is to work together to get the building down.
- b) Stone Walls-Lynn will look into the status of the scenic bylaw.

4. New Business

- a) Comments and concerns from citizens – none.

- b) Cindi LaBombard's portrait will hang in the ticket booth.
 - c) The triangular Town Hall sign was not accepted by the MA Historical Commission. Stuart agreed for the town to pay \$650 for a new sign...half the price of the original sign. A motion was passed to go with the new sign. Kathy will get a timeline for the sign to be done.
 - d) PVPC-reviews
5. Mail & Announcements
- a) Robert LaValley contributed Town Reports to the Commission and miscellaneous Ware ephemera.
 - b) Claudia had photos made of the Kennedy visit to Ware, and donated them to the Commission.
 - c) Lynn will email Anna concerning mail she received regarding a Social Science Club.
6. Adjourn – Motion by Kathy Galford to adjourn. Seconded by Claudia Kadra. The next meeting will be October 26, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by
Lorrie Willette, Commission Secretary