



Ware

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Historical Commission
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

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Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes from: February 24, 2020

Meeting took place at Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware MA

Historical Commission members present: Lynn Lak (Chairwoman), Kathy Galford, Wanda Mysona
Cindi LaBombard, Claudia Kadra, Cynthia Allen

Historical Commission members absent: Lorrie Willette

Public: Stuart Beckley, Thomas Barnes

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

1. Administrative

- a) Approve meeting minutes from January 27, 2020 –
Motion: Cindi LaBombard to accept the minutes as presented.
Seconded: Wanda Mysona.
Vote: 6/0/0.

- b) Treasurer's Report – K. Galford presented the report.
Motion: Wanda Mysona to accept the report as presented.
Seconded: Cindi LaBombard.
Vote: 6/0/0.

2. Special Projects

a) Town Hall/Great Hall –

- Town Manager Stuart Beckley reported he is waiting for the full architectural study report. He did hear back on just the section of the building that contains the Bell Tower, and it was deemed safe and improvement work could be done.
- Paint color of Great Hall: Stuart reports approximate time frame of painting by Pennington Painting to be May-July 2020. The color of the paint was discussed. Cynthia Allen will investigate period appropriate (year 1885) colors and report findings. It was noted The Friends of Town Hall should be involved.

b) Town Hall & John F Kennedy-

Claudia worked on locating documentation that future president John F. Kennedy was present in the Ware Town Hall in 1958. Photos from the Boston Library Achieves (www.digitalcommonwealth.org) provided to all members of the Commission. Possible this information will be helpful with future preservation or grant requests for the Town Hall.

c) Town Hall Grant-

All members of the Historical Commission signed a letter in support of the Town Hall Grant which will be sent to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Other letters of support are being prepared by The Ware Friends of the Town Hall, The Proprietors of the Ware Meeting House, The Ware Historical Society, and hopefully the Ware Rotary Club.

3. Old Business & Updates

a) Display Case –

The case was updated on 2/11/20. Theme is the Ware Mill yard.

b) Stone Walls –

- Cindi will follow up with Susan and Boz Lincoln's to speak with us about the stone walls in Ware.
- Thomas Barnes, member of the Ware Conservation Commission will be attending the MCCA meeting on 2/29/20 and is expecting that stonewalls will be regulated in the future as an ecosystem.

c) South Street School Brick Sale/Fundraiser-

Kathy reports the fundraiser has ended. There was a discussion about the fate of the remaining bricks and their best use. They will be donated to the Town of Ware. Town Manager Stuart Beckley will explore donating them within the town: possibly the Parks Department, School Department, or Cemetery Department.

4. New Business

a) Comments and concerns from citizens –

Thomas Barnes made 2 donations: Ware Railroad Stock Certificate from 1948 & postcard of the Covered Bridge located on the Ware River. A thank you note to be sent.

b) Ware Zoning Bylaws/Solar Energy Facilities –

Claudia reported the second bylaw public hearing took place on 2/20/20. The amended bylaw draft is available on the Town of Ware Website. Read and reviewed Section 4.5 "Historical Impacts". New bylaws will be voted on during the Ware spring town meeting.

5. Mail & Announcements

a) PVPC-

No reviews received.

b) Western Massachusetts Historical Commission Coalition Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3/25/20 from 10am-12pm in Greenfield MA. All members encouraged to attend. Plan to car pool. Details will be forthcoming.

c) New State Register of Historic Places 2019 arrived. It will be placed along with past years in the Historical Commission storage room.

Adjourn – 2/24/20 @ 640pm

Motion by Kathy Galford to adjourn.

Seconded by Cynthia Allen.

Voted: 6/0/0.

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by
Claudia Kadra on behalf of Lorrie Willette, Commission Secretary