



# Ware

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Historical Commission  
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Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes from  
June 26, 2017

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

Present: Cindi, Wanda, Judi, Kathy, Lynn

Absent: Lorrie, Martha

Also: Friends of the Town Hall: Carol, Linda, Pat, Jane and Tracy Opalinski

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

### Administrative

Approve minutes from May 22: Lynn forgot them. We'll do it in August.

Treasurer's Report: same as last time, plus \$100 from the town budget. We always ask for \$1,000 and get cut back, this year to %100; We received \$971.25 from the Schmitt Trust for marching in the parade. Judi thinks the town should at least match that amount. Kathy would like to apply for the \$900 for our budget in the fall: Judi made a motion, Lynn seconded, all in favor

### Special Projects

#### Town Hall/Great Hall

Friends of the Ware Town Hall Committee: Lynn went online and looked into what has to happen to make the 501.3C happen. First, a chairman, recording secretary and treasurer have to be selected. Then, they need to file paperwork to get an EIN number. In order to do that, someone has to give their information for the form. We'd like to have one person be the liason to the Historical Commission. Jane took the tax papers and each friend is going to seek out one more member. We do need \$300.00 for the application. Ron Christensen will be contacted about helping with that. The need to plan their events, make up their bylaws (Judi offered to send bylaws she had and Judi can email the Town hall report to people).

Prioritized projects are: fire curtain, repaint the brick (we'll look at the master list and add to it as needed. We think we may have done it in January or February)

Fundraising ideas: Lynn gave the friends ideas from her meeting with the Regional Historical Commission

Cultural Council grant: Lynn shared information with Stuart regarding this and will follow up with an email to him about the application. Kathy will remind him, too. Lynn thought she might be willing to do the work, but Stuart had said he would do it.

### Old Business & Updates

Trail dedication : Now a trail connects the two cemeteries on Greenwich Plains Road done by the Eagle Scouts.

Historical inventory-Town Hall bookcase and inventory management: Lynn will call Historic Northampton regarding some museum quality cabinets they want to give away; we will tackle the inventory next month

Memorial Day observance at Quabbin Cemetery and Park: Lynn, Ken and Lorrie Willette walked.

### New Business

Comments and concerns from citizens: None

Demolition permit: Tracy came to give us information on Optimus LLC which wants to purchase South Street School. They are going to look for artifacts. Judi made a motion to demo except for the flagpole and one brick, Kathy seconded, all were in favor.

Mail & Announcements: A safe from the Mansion House has been acquired and is being given to the Historical Society. They are looking to put it in the Meeting House Museum. 13X16.

Adjourn: 7:59

**Documents reviewed at meeting**

Treasurer's report

**Documents received at meeting**

None

*Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Caulfield Lak*

8/14/17

Ware Historical Commission

Emergency Demolition Delay meeting

We met in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Ware Town Hall

Present: Kathy, Judi, Lynn, Wanda, Cindi

1. We convened the meeting at 4:05 at the Town Hall, concerning the property on 84 Greenwich Plains Road Ware. It's owned by Christopher DeSantis. It was built in 1820. We had a picture from the assessor's office of a shingled one story house with a central chimney.

Judi made a motion that we enact the bylaw, which levies a \$300 fine per day from the date the town learned the building was demolished to the date of the demolition permit application; it was seconded by Cindi. All were in favor. Judi and Kathy will meet with Chris Rice.

Adjourned the meeting at 4:26

**Next meeting: August 28, 2017**

*Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Caulfield Lak*