



# Ware

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Historical Commission  
126 Main Street  
Ware, MA 01082

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## *Historical Commission*

### *Meeting Minutes from November 27, 2017*

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

*Historical Commission members present: Lynn Lak (Chairman), Cindi LaBombard, Kathy Galford, Mary Midura, Martha Rohan, Lorrie Willette, Wanda Mysona*

*Historical Commission members absent: none*

*Public: Stuart Beckley, Craig Simmons, 2 citizens*

*The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.*

#### **1. Administrative**

*a) Approve minutes from October 23rd – Motion by Mary Midura to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Cindi LaBombard. So voted 7/0/0.*

*b) Treasurer's Report – K. Galford presented the report. Motion by Wanda Mysona to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Mary Midura. So voted 7/0/0.*

#### **2. Special Projects**

##### **a) Town Hall**

*Friends of the Ware Town Hall – tax status has been approved. Jane will write a letter which can be sent out to banks and companies in town explaining the purpose of the Friends, and asking for funding toward a specific project. She would like to attend a Selectman's meeting to inform them of the project. Stuart stated he likes the idea of selecting one item to be funded. The group discussed items on the Town Hall Evaluation list of Oct., 2011 by RDK Engineers. Items were checked off where completed. Other items were added to those already there.*

#### **3. Old Business & Updates**

- a) Community Preservation Act Discussion-Lynn stated Allison Leary is willing to talk about the Act. Stuart suggested she might want to explain how cities and towns are benefitting. Members suggested various groups which may be interested could be The Quabbin Land Trust, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Conservation, Housing, Cemetery Community Development, Council on Aging, Friends of Seniors, Ware Center Meetinghouse and the Historical Society. There may be other groups interested, as well. Lynn will continue to work on this project, writing a letter which can be sent to various groups concerning the CPA.
- b) Historical Commission Room –Martha made a motion for the Commission to purchase a padlock for the Commission Room. Kathy seconded the motion. All voted for it, with Mary abstaining.

4. New Business

- a) Comments and concerns from citizens – Craig Simmons of the Cemetery Commission spoke to the group about the Civil War Monument at Aspen Grove cemetery. He explained there was a nurse from Ware named Elizabeth Weatheral, who helped in the Civil War. She is buried in East Church emetery. He talked about the two commissions lending support to get Ms. Weatheral recognized.
- b) Demolition Request- Lynn received a call from Anna in Planning for a demolition request for a house on 33 Vigeant St. All members agreed with Lynn signing off on the demolition permit.
- c) \$100-Kathy explained we have \$100 to uses or it will be lost in June. Suggestions were made to purchase a display case or to put the plaque on granite in front of the Lafayette Elm. Since an impact drill is needed to do this, Marty will look into it.
- d) No meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 22, 2018 at 6:00p.m.

5. Mail & Announcements

- a) PVPC – A letter concerning 4 properties looking for rehab work.

6. Adjourn – Motion by K. Galford to adjourn. Seconded by M. Rohan.

**Documents reviewed at meeting**

October 23 minutes

Treasurer's report

**Documents received at meeting**

None

Respectfully submitted by  
Lorrie Willette, Commission Secretary