



# TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission  
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes  
October 28, 2013

**Present:** Kathy Galford, Cindi LaBombard, Lynn Caulfield Lak, Wanda Mysona.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

1. Annual Meeting/Reorganization - **Motion** by L. Lak, seconded by C. LaBombard, to reorganize as:

Lynn Caulfield Lak - Chairman  
Wanda Mysona - Vice-Chair  
Kathy Galford - Treasurer  
Judi Mosso - Secretary  
Unanimous.

Sharon e.mailed Lynn confirming that she will not seek reappointment to the Commission. We respect her decision, but are sad to see Sharon leave! Kathy believes there may be another person interested in serving on the Commission.

2. Approval of September Minutes - September minutes were unanimously approved by acclimation.
3. Treasurer's Report - General fund balance: \$6,387.59 (Schmitt Trust will add \$1207.00) Nenameseck Fountain fund (all fountain restoration, repair & maintenance - no fence!) balance: \$2941.87; some reductions from plaque, etc. Monson Savings Bank will match up to \$1,500 in fountain contributions. They will give us a check every month for the amount we have collected that month until we reach \$1,500. This way we can use the money as we go along.
4. Nenameseck Square and Fountain
  - a. *Restoration and fence finials* - Lynn and Kathy attended the Parks Commission meeting to discuss repairing the finials. The Parks Commission felt that between the cost and the fact that much of their money is already committed, they could not spend additional money without discussing it further and with the town. There was discussion about lighting, seeking help to pay the electric bill (from banks or an increase FY15 budget, or a combination thereof); and question if we should have the pattern for the fence as well as the finial. We want to keep the momentum going.
  - b. *Fountain Rededication & Reception (October 19, 2013)* - Kudos to Kathy, wow! Plus she and her husband worked for hours afterwards cleaning up. Some attendees expressed

an interest in purchasing a copy of Judi's photograph of the refurbished fountain. Judi will research copyrighting, cost and donating proceeds to the Commission for fountain maintenance.

- c. *Care & Custody with Parks Commission & Christmas Decorations* - Lynn and Kathy talked with Parks about sharing the care and custody of the park. Senator Brewer told Kathy that we should take over care and custody of Nenameseck Park. We were clearly divided and decided to table it. There was discussion about how we trusted the Parks Commission; John assured us that he would carefully supervise any holiday decorating. Kathy had called Luke and he recommended no decorations on the fountain.

5. Special Projects

- a. *Town Hall replacement windows and paint; portico columns* - Replacement windows are now in the Community Development office and they look great! Assessor's and Tax Collector's offices are next.
- b. *South Street School* - no update
- c. *Old Fire Station, East Street* - no update

6. Old Business & Updates

- a. *Bandstand at Grenville Park*- no update
- b. *October 5 Fall Fest* - The art show in the Great Hall was a great success! (The Historical Commission is not a recipient of any proceeds this year.)
- c. *Room and File Cabinet for Commission* - The room is now cleared out and locked. Judi and Kathy have keys. We are in need of a small bookcase to properly store some materials. Please ask around!

7. New Business

- a. *Comments and Concerns from Citizens* - none.
- b. *Cooperation with Town Committees* -
- c. *Creating Official Historic Districts* - Town Planner, Karen Cullen, is working on this.
- d. *Field trip to new room* - next meeting.

8. Mail - invitation to Monson Savings Bank community dinner on Nov 7.

9. Adjourn - 8:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Judith P. B. Mosso*