



TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes May 19, 2014

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

Interested citizens: Stuart Beckley (Town Manager)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. March and April Minutes - approved
2. March & April Treasurer's Report Kathy gave receipts to Monson Savings Bank for our match of \$723.00. They'll match up to \$1500. She also paid Wayne Jones for the pump of \$680.00. Approved.
3. Nenameseck Square & Fountain
 - a. *Water pump replacement* Water pump replacement (purchased)- in John's office. Should be running by tomorrow.
 - b. *Fence finials (ordered):* 6-8 weeks
 - c. *Plaque* goes in hopefully for Memorial Day
4. Special Projects
 - a. *Town Hall (replacement windows, interior paint, portico columns)*
 - b. *South Street School*
 - c. *Old Fire Station, East Street*
 - d. *Town Hall (replacement windows, interior paint, portico columns):* replacement windows: recommended a repair rather than repair, sticking with Mr. Hayward's recommendation with interior storms. Town Meeting only voted enough money for Town Clerk's office but not Conservation. He can start in July. We need to hire someone to do the portico work. Interior paint: buff color is fine. Carpet grey is fine. They are planning to take care of the roof, maybe not repaired before the windows but soon afterwards. Stuart believes it is a drainage project that can be fixed.

- e. *South Street School* - 7 people have gone through it and at least 3 are interested. The bids are due in June. They all seem to be residential interests in nature, but one is commercial use.
- f. *Old Fire Station, East Street* - nothing new

5. Old Business & Updates

- a. *Demolition Delay Bylaw* - we can fill out a generic form and agreed to focus on 6 months and over 100 years old.
- b. *Updating Inventory (perhaps wait until after the October meeting of the Western MA Historic Commission Coalition)*
- c. *2014 MHC Preservation Awards* - we were not awarded for the fountain restoration.
- d. *Grenville Park Bandstand* - almost complete, surveillance equipment is being installed tomorrow; dedication set for June 28 fireworks program.
- e. *Sign for Town Hall Municipal Offices* - Stuart will talk to Kathy about it. He likes the idea of a mural on the brick wall near Veterans' Park. Roc Goudreau is willing to help some students with that project.
- f. *112-114 Main Street; Robinson-Hitchcock Block* - no news; looks like there has been work on windows but nothing on the damaged roof.
- g. *Creating Official Historic Districts* - was discussed at length and we could not see any reason to do this.

6. New Business

- a. *Comments and Concerns from Citizens* - none.
- b. *Memorial Day-Quabbin parade/Schmidt Trust* - no word on check.
- c. *Elizabeth Rairigh's visit last month* - Tracy brought a card for us to sign.

7. Mail

8. Adjourn - **Motion** by J. Mosso to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by T. Opalinski.

Respectfully submitted by Judith P. B. Mosso