



TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes September 22, 2014

Present: Cindi LaBombard, Kathy Galford, Lynn Caulfield Lak, Judi Mosso, Wanda Mysona, Tracy Opalinski (7:04)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approve August Minutes – will be available at our next meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report – none at this time; due to budget cuts and personnel vacancy, town accountant is extremely busy.
3. Nenameseck Square & Fountain
 - a) *Finials* – we have not received the finials yet. The fountain will be shut down soon for the winter.
 - b) *Goudreau painting from West Brookfield Savings Bank* – We should have it soon.
4. Special Projects
 - a) *Town Hall (replacement windows, interior paint)* – windows in the Town Clerk's office are being repaired. Currently, 2 have been removed for repair. When those return, the other 2 will come out. Exterior sashes are being scraped and painted.
 - b) *South Street School* – there has been some interest but a recent cost analysis by the potential buyer said it was cost-prohibitive.
 - c) *Old Fire Station, East Street* – no word
5. Old Business & Updates
 - a) *Demolition Delay Bylaw (Public hearing set for October 27 at 6:30)* – Kathy and Tracy met with Stuart and Art to discuss fees, fines and other details. They both generally support the bylaw. Judi will speak to Karen re fee schedule and ask for some guidance. There was discussion about demo application; will keep severability clause; omit realtor clause; omit fire clause; keep neglect clause; will make flow chart of procedure; MHC recommends 12 month delay but we feel that is too long and that 6 months is too short. Judi recommended a

balance at 9 months. Historical buildings will be 75 years and older. Judi will make copies of the draft bylaw available at strategic locations and on the web.

- b) *Updating Inventory* – Marla Miller is travelling so we hope to connect with her in early October.
- c) *Sign for Town Hall Municipal Offices* – roof work is taking priority. Kathy and Lynn will inquire about the roof progress.
- d) *112-114 Main Street; Robinson-Hitchcock Block* – no word. Bob Kolb from Country Bank announced a property utilization program. The building’s owner may be able to take advantage of it.
- e) *Mural at 123 Main / Veterans’ Park* – The town received \$300 from the MA Cultural Council for the public mural and hopes to work with the Youth Action Coalition.
- f) *Lafayette Elm* – Kathy continues to research this including contacting the state arborist about proper species and to get as close to original location as possible.

6. New Business

- a) *Comments and Concerns from Citizens* – none.
- b) *Reorganize Commission* –
Motion by W. Mysona for Lynn Lak to serve as Chairman. Seconded by J. Mosso. Unanimous.
Motion by L. Lak for Wanda Mysona to serve a Vice Chairman. Seconded by C. LaBombard. Unanimous.
Motion by L. Lak for Kathy Galford to serve as Treasurer. Seconded by T. Opalinski.
Motion by L. Lak for Judi Mosso to serve as Secretary. Seconded by T. Opalinski. Unanimous.

Thus, the Commission has reorganized as follows:

Lynn Lak, Chairman
Wanda Mysona, Vice Chairman
Kathy Galford, Treasurer
Judi Mosso, Secretary

7. Mail – none.

8. Adjourn – Motion by J. Mosso to adjourn at 7:36. Seconded by K. Galford.

Respectfully submitted by Judith P. B. Mosso