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Historical Commission
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

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Meeting Minutes from
October 26, 2015
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commission Members Present: Kathy Galford, Cindi LaBombard, Lynn Lak, Judith Mosso, Wanda Mysona

Commission Members Absent: Tracy Opalinski, Martha Rohan

Public: none

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. There was brief discussion about how best to reach the Chairman shortly before a meeting: please call her cell number. Judi will update and distribute the call list.

1. Commission reorganize – **Motion** by K. Galford to nominate Lynn Lak as Chairman. Seconded by W. Mysona. So voted unanimously. **Motion** by L. Lak to nominate Wanda Mysona as Vice Chairman. Seconded by C. LaBombard. So voted unanimously. **Motion** by L. Lak to nominate Kathleen A. Galford as Treasurer. Seconded by J. Mosso. So voted unanimously. **Motion** by L. Lak to nominate Judi Mosso as Secretary. Seconded by K. Galford. So voted unanimously. Commission reorganizes as follows:
Chairman: Lynn Caulfield Lak
Vice Chairman: Wanda Mysona
Treasurer: Kathy Galford
Secretary: Judi Mosso
2. Approve minutes from September 28 – **Motion** by K. Galford to accept the minutes as revised with corrected attendance. Seconded by L. Lak. So voted unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report – was briefly reviewed. **Motion** by J. Mosso to accept the report as presented. So voted unanimously.
4. Special Projects
 - a) *Nenameseck Square & Fountain* – water has been shut off and fountain is “put to bed” for winter. Although we purchased a new pump, the old one is still running fine. We do not want to install it until it is necessary.

b) *Town Hall Roof and drainage* – no update

c) *Great Hall (GH) in Town Hall*

- i. *Shades* – C. LaBombard recommended forming a “Friends of the Great Hall” in order to generate public interest and help fund necessary improvements. There was discussion about which projects should be completed first. There was lengthy discussion about purchasing the shades and how to prioritize work in the Great Hall; topics included:
- room not heated so shades as weatherization is unnecessary
 - do not want to cover the arched windows
 - if use increases how do we accommodate parking
 - in general is an uncomfortable room
 - some prefer roller shades, others prefer clutch shades (clutch shades were agreed upon at earlier meeting)
 - support for “Friends of the Great Hall”
 - light should be blocked for various events
 - doubtful that town voters will support expending funds for shades, funding should come from the Commission’s budget
 - other commission members should weigh in on prioritizing projects
 - need to respect vendor and provide an answer by end of year and we do not meet in December

Motion by J. Mosso to expend up to \$5,200 from the general fund for purchase and installation of Clutch, Edessa Twilight FR Beach shades from Lori Designs. Seconded by K. Galford. So voted unanimously.

Motion by J. Mosso to use \$1,000 from our general fund as seed money for a “Friends of the Great Hall” fund provided that it is allowed by MGL. Seconded by L. Lak. So voted unanimously.

- ii. *Balcony* – no further discussion. Commission will prioritize GH projects at next meeting. C. LaBombard will get paint quotes.

d) *Mural at 123 Main / Veterans’ Park* – DPW has graded the area.

5. Old Business & Updates

- a) *Updating Inventory, hard copy of MACRIS* – L. Lak had one set printed (\$58) but it is in TWO binders. L. Lak reported that the MACRIS data set contains more Quabbin properties and several more properties on Belchertown Road than we had. It is organized by district and we organized our by street. The state is applying for the Quabbin Reservoir to be on the National Register. W. Mysona has the printed copy; CD is in file with National Register info.

- b) *South Street School* – Selectmen voted to not sell the building to the current interested buyer.

6. New Business

- a) *Comments and Concerns from Citizens* – none.
 - b) *Old chairs from Great Hall* – Brief discussion about the Chairs. Town Manager wants to sell them as surplus but members feel they have historical value. We will revisit the questions of selling them only after the town purchases new chairs or has no room for storage. Disposing of them is premature at this point.
 - c) *Mill yard and dam* – There was brief discussion about properties in the Historic District. L. Lak confirmed that the dam, although not mentioned, is in the District.
 - d) *Lafayette Elm* – K. Galford reported that the elm was ordered and that Monson Savings Bank will pay for the tree; we only have to pay delivery. The Rail Trail is not an ideal location so she is talking with the school to have it planted at the front of campus.
7. Mail – K. Galford submitted original plans for Town Hall which were at DPW for many years; Judi will try to uncurl them and put them with other town plans. We received a ceremonial WWI coin/pendant (given to men who served in WWI) from a thoughtful pawn broker. We also received a 1911 150th anniversary coin from Major General Gerald Maloney.
8. Adjourn – **Motion** by J. Mosso to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by L. Lak.

Documents reviewed:

September 28 minutes
Treasurer's report
Lori Designs shades quote
Printed MACRIS database

Documents received at meeting:

Printed MACRIS database; currently with W. Mysona

Respectfully submitted by Judi Mosso