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Historical Commission
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

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Meeting Minutes from
September 26, 2016

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

Historical Commission members present: Kathy Galford, Cindi LaBombard, Lynn Lak (Chairman), Wanda Mysona, Lorrie Willette

Historical Commission members absent: Judi Mosso, Martha Rohan

Public: Stuart Beckley (Town Manager)

W. Mysona called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Wanda ran the meeting so Lynn could take minutes. **Welcome new Commissioner Lorrie Willette!**

1. "Field trip" – Great Hall - The spray on cellulose insulating foam needs to be cut from the ceiling's smoke vent above the stage. We will have Ed Wloch look at it from the outside. We looked at the outside doors at the top of handicapped ramps. Lynn got two quotes. Once was for \$416,000. Ian Stewart's was at \$7,500. He also said he could do it before the election. Stuart has \$4,000 and we need \$7,500. We talked about how we felt about spending some of our money to help out.

Lynn made a **motion** that we spend \$3,500 on projects for the Town Hall with the priority being the doors at the top of the handicapped ramp. Seconded by Kathy. All in favor.

We also looked at the granite step at the top of the stairs. It would be so expensive to replace that step: \$10,000 or more! We discussed filling it in with cement as a first step. Stuart has money for this. Cindi voiced her concern regarding the railings on the balcony. We have 4 more windows being replaced in Town Hall.

2. Approve minutes from August 22 - tabled
3. Treasurer's Report – Motioned and approved.
4. Special Projects
 - a) Town Hall/Great Hall (see Item 1 above).

i. Prioritized projects are:

PROJECT	POINT PERSON
Bring stage to fire code (includes smoke vent and fire curtain)	C. LaBombard
Repoint exterior brick	
Repair doors @ handicapped ramp entrance	
Replace granite threshold at Main St entrance	

5. Old Business & Updates

- a) Mural at 123 Main / Veterans’ Park - no new information, Lynn will email Tracy
- b) Protection for Goudreau painting - we are all set
- c) Friends of the Town Hall fund fundraising - Everyone come up with an idea for this for next time: it has to be people who are not part of the Commission.

6. New Business

- a) Comments and Concerns from Citizens – none.
- b) Nenameseck Square
 - i. Flagpole – Parks Foreman J. Pieohota has a concern about a flagpole that may be used in the Square; using it would create a situation regarding the trees.
 - ii. Lights - may need to be replaced
 - iii. Trees - may need to be trimmed
 - iv. Update on Pokemon Go mobile app game - no down side!
 - v. Motor vehicle accident that took out part of the fence - the cost will be \$13,000 that knocked down the fence, but will not cover the cost of the mold for the fence section.
- c) South Street School - the property is worth keeping.
 - i. Suggest presentation re SSS and HC efforts to maintain Town Hall - tabled until next month until after we see the article in the Ware River News
- d) Hitchcock Building (114 Main St) – public hearing to participate in grant - Lynn wrote a letter in support of the new owner keeping the mansard roof
- e) Donation - Stanley and Gail Nelson donated a photo of Main Street.
- f) Donation - Paul Daignault gave a donation of another photo of Main Street.

7. Mail & Announcements – Lorrie’s appointment letter

8. Adjourn – 8:05

Documents reviewed at meeting

None

Documents received at meeting

None

Respectfully submitted by
Lynn Lak, Chairman
Judi Mosso, Commission Secretary