



Ware

MASSACHUSETTS

Historical Commission
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

www.townofware.com

Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes from
February 27, 2017

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

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

Historical Commission members absent: Martha Rohan, Wanda Mysona

Public: Stuart Beckley (Town Manager)

The Commission last met in November but there was no quorum. There is no meeting in December. January's meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

1. Administrative

- a) Approve minutes from October 24, November 28 – **Motion** by K. Galford to accept both sets of minutes as presented. Seconded by C. LaBombard. So voted 5/0/0.
- b) Treasurer's Report – K. Galford reported that we received a \$125 donation for the Town Hall restoration fund. **Motion** by C. LaBombard to accept the report as presented. Seconded by L. Willette. So voted 5/0/0.

2. Special Projects

- a) Town Hall/Great Hall
 - 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	L. Lak
Replace granite threshold at Main St entrance	W. Mysona

Doors – K. Galford contacted Stuart for an update; there is no start date yet. Estimate from Serv-U-Locks for hardware alone is \$13,000!; L. Lak will follow up. K. Galford will follow up with Glass & More in Hardwick.

Stage – C.LaBombard will follow up with the Fire Department.

3. Old Business & Updates

- a) Mural at 123 Main (at Veterans' Park) – no update
- b) Friends of the Town Hall fund fundraising
 - i. Each member suggest candidate – members suggested: Anita Kranz, Jane Desjardins, David Poppell, Bill Braman of the WB&CA, Sheila Cuddy of the QV CDC, Kathy Petricone. We will continue to recruit.
- c) Nenameseck Square – North Brookfield Savings Bank had approached Parks Foreman John Peichota to place a spotlight for the flag. This will be removed from future meeting agendas until we have further information.
- d) South Street School – J. Mosso presented preliminary information about potential development of the lot. The developer would build an assisted living/nursing home 100-unit campus and would partner with Baystate Mary Lane. The proposal is in line with the Town's Master Plan (call for senior housing) as well as excellent in-fill development. The Commission discussed the potential development. While we see the value in the property, we would like to see it put to good use and would be amenable to signing the demolition permit. *[Update: Optimus has notified Town officials and the B&CA that they do not have enough investor interest to continue with the project in Ware. However they have not explicitly stated that they are walking away. There is still a possibility for future development.]*

4. New Business

- a) Comments and concerns from citizens – none.
- b) MHC's Preservation Projects Fund (provides 50% grants to projects listed on the State Register of Historic Places; deadline: 3/24/2017) – we would like to reposit the brick. We need an architect and quote to apply. We may not have this completed in time.
- c) Spring Swing Field Trip around Town – We are planning for a fun, educational field trip around town to share historical information, orient newer members, and do some team building. The first Annual Donna Lotuff Spring Swing Field Trip will be on Sunday, April 9 at 1:00 pm!

- d) Trail dedication – The Boy Scouts completed a trail that leads to the cemetery behind the Ware Center Meeting House. The dedication should be before *Ware Remembers* and not a part of that event.
- 5. Mail & Announcements - K. Galford reported that author Stephen Katz has a new book entitled “Ware’s Boys of Summer”.
- 6. Adjourn – Motion by J. Mosso to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Seconded by K. Galford.

Documents reviewed at meeting

None

Documents received at meeting

None

Respectfully submitted by
Judi Mosso, Commission Secretary