



TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes
April 22, 2013

Present: Sharon Biskup, Lynn Caulfield Lak, Judi Mosso, Wanda Mysona

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

1. Approval of March Minutes – **Motion** by S. Biskup, seconded by W. Mysona, to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimous. There was brief discussion about our funding the 2 recent cemetery signs. The town accountant reported that the Cemetery Commission had and still has sufficient funds for this type of project. Although both cemeteries are historic and have public access, in the future, we need to first determine that what we fund is for public land.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. *WBCA donation from Fall Fest* – Lynn reported that Kathy has received the \$500 donation from the Ware Business and Civic Association as well as the \$18,000 from the Urban Foundation. Both have been deposited.
3. Special Projects
 - a. *Methodist (Episcopal) Church at 13 Church Street* – no word.
 - b. *Town Hall replacement windows and paint* – no word. Update: Judi spoke to Stuart who said that he is still waiting to hear from Lowe's for a quote but will probably go with one of the suppliers who have already submitted prices to us.
 - c. *Nenameseck Square Fountain Restoration* – Lynn and Kathy attended the Parks Commission meeting and they are thrilled about the restoration and are allowing us access and work in the Square. Stuart signed the contract with Robinson Iron. Lynn has contacted Luke Robinson regarding next steps. Ross Pelski may donate the crane to lift the fountain pieces over the fence (which is more permanent now). Plumber Wayne Jones will hopefully donate his time to disconnect the fountain. Sharon stated that this would be an ideal time to make any plumbing repairs including the leaking storage tank. Coordination with DPW, plumber, Robinson Iron, etc. will take place in May. We hope to have the *Ware River News* make mention of it in the paper; both Wanda and Sharon would like to be there.

d. *South Street School* – no word. *Update: Judi spoke to Stuart who reported that the building will probably get re-bid at some point.*

4. Old Business & Updates

a. *New Banner* – Kathy will buy poles to display the banner. **Motion** by J. Mosso, seconded by L. Lak, to reimburse Kathy for the pole(s) purchase. Unanimous.

b. *Quabbin's 75th Remembrance* – decorating is in progress for Saturday's big event!

c. *Bandstand at Grenville Park* – Wanda heard that they are still collecting donations.

5. New Business

a. *Comments and Concerns from citizens* – none.

b. *Correcting inventory, wrong captions with some photos* – This item was tabled for when Cyndi can attend a meeting.

c. *Memorial Day parade at Quabbin, Sunday, May 26* – Judi is unable to attend, Martha is not interested, Kathy and Sharon may be able to do it.

d. *Ware Center Day, Wednesday, June 5* – This annual event is for all Ware third graders. All Commission members are encouraged to attend.

e. *May meeting* – Our May meeting will be one week earlier due to the Memorial Day holiday. We will meet in the BOS conference room. Judi is unable to attend as it is when the Community Development Authority meets.

6. Mail – Judi seems to get much of the Commission's mail as the Community Development mailbox is near it. Judi will update the MHC on commission membership. We received the Friends of Quabbin newsletter. We received the letter from Bank of America regarding Schmidt trust fund (our participation in the Memorial Day parade) and requesting notice of our annual meeting.

7. Adjourn **Motion** by S. Biskup, seconded by J. Mosso, to adjourn 7:36 p.m.