



TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes from meeting held
September 24, 2012

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

Chairman, Lynn Caulfield Lak called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Approval of June Minutes – There was brief discussion about the meeting minutes. Motion by W. Mysona, seconded S. Biskup, to accept the June minutes as presented. Unanimous.
2. Election of Officers – The new fiscal year is time for commissions to reorganize. Motion by S. Biskup, seconded by K. Galford for Lynn Caulfield Lak to serve a Chairman. Unanimous.
S. Biskup stated that she was no longer interested in serving as Vice Chairman. Motion by L. Lak, seconded by S. Biskup, for Wyanda Mysona to serve as Vice Chairman. Unanimous.
Motion by L. Lak, seconded by J. Mosso for Kathy Galford to serve as Treasurer. Unanimous.
Motion by L. Lak, seconded by S. Biskup, fro Judi Mosso to serve as Secretary. Unanimous.
3. Treasurer's Report - K. Galford distributed the latest financial report. There have been no expenditures since June. We received an additional \$100 for Nenameseck Square this month. K. Galford read the names of who recently donated. Our goal for the fountain is \$23,900; Country Bank will donate the last \$1,00 but we still need to come up with the rest. There was discussion about the need or a specific account for fountain maintenance. W. Mysona asked if the Commission was fully committed to fund raising for the fountain. We reiterated that we are!
4. Covered Bridge Wood – The wood has been used to build a shed at the WCMH. Only minor finishing details like latches remain.
5. Special Projects
 - a. Methodist (Episcopal) Church at 13 Church Street – A second RFP is out and an offer is being considered.
 - b. Town Hall study – no update.

- c. Nenameseck Square – The quote of \$23,800 from Robinson Iron (RI) to restore the fountain is good until October. However, RI stated that they would travel to pick it up anyway. They suggested that a Town's missing fountain would compel folks to donate. We are reluctant to agree and would also have to convince the Parks Commission and Board of Selectmen. Mr. Jurczyk has offered to winterize it for us. Motion by W. Mysona, seconded by L. Lak, for the Commission to pursue complete restoration of the fountain. Unanimous. With out commitment confirmed, W. Mysona will contact the Urban Foundation for support and report back; she will also speak with the Parks Commission regarding lighting. There was discussion about fundraising and awareness including a thermometer sign that Bill Lak made for the 250th anniversary.

W. Mysona reported that Ken Higney's light estimate is approximately \$2,000; she will provide the actual estimate next month. There was further discussion about establishing a maintenance fund and not combine it with monies for the current restoration. The May 3, 2012 article in the Ware River News also spoke about maintenance.

- d. South Street School – an comprehensive RFP is out. Town Manager S. Beckley included, in the selection criteria, a more favorable proposal in which the exterior remained intact and showed respect the historic value of the building. In addition, if the rear of the property can be kept y the town would also be considered advantageous.
6. Report from 250th Anniversary Committee – The Indian chainsaw carving will be placed outside; across from Nenameseck Square.
 7. 250th Anniversary Book Group - the project is proceeding slowly. There are so many authors that it takes a bit of orchestration. There is no contract with the printer yet because they do not know how may pages it will be. A Christmas release date is still anticipated.
 8. Old Business –
 - a. New Banner – K. Galford spoke to KMG regarding a new banner. A 3X6, full color is \$80; 3X8 is \$100. It will take 2-3 weeks to process. K. Galford will inquire about decorative poles to hang the banner, similar to what she saw at the Quabbin Memorial event.
 - b. Fall Fest – hosted by the Ware Business and Civic Association; all proceeds will be split between the Grenville Park bandstand restoration and our fountain restoration. K. Galford and W. Mysona will try to man a table for the Commission.
 9. New Business
 - a. Quabbin's 75th Remembrance - a planning meeting at the Belchertown Senior Center is scheduled for 1 p.m. this Saturday.

10. Mail – We received information from Friends of the Quabbin, Inc. re membership; and the Quabbin Voices newsletter; and a memo that Cindi has been reappointed to the Commission
11. Adjourn - Motion by J. Mosso, seconded by L. Lak, to adjourn 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judith P. B. Mosso, Secretary.