



# TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission  
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes from meeting held  
June 25, 2012

Present: Sharon Biskup, Kathy Galford, Cindi Labombard, Lynn Caulfield Lak, Judi Mosso, Wanda Mysona (7:03 p.m.)

Chairman, Lynn Caulfield Lak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of May Minutes – There was brief discussion about the meeting minutes. Motion by K. Galford, seconded C. Labombard, to accept the May minutes as presented. Unanimous.
2. Treasurer's Report - K. Galford reported that a few more donations were received in May, and earlier this month, for the fountain restoration.
3. Covered Bridge Wood - projects at the WCMH using the wood are proceeding.
4. Special Projects
  - a. Methodist (Episcopal) Church at 13 Church Street – J. Mosso reported that the RFP for this building had a minimum bid and no responses. There is an interested party in the building and they may bid if the minimum is lifted. W. Mysona will keep tabs on BOS agendas in case topics relative to this item are listed.
  - b. Town Hall study – no discussion.
5. Nenameseck Square - We received a quote of \$23,800 from Robinson Iron to restore the fountain. This includes pickup and delivery. L. Lak will ask how long the quote is good for; and seek Phil Jurczyk's opinion. Country Bank is interested in helping with the project. There was discussion about fundraising and other sources of funding. J. Mosso clarified how CDBG monies are used and it is unlikely that this project would be appropriate. There was also discussion about the upcoming Ware Business and Civic Association's Fun Fest on October 6. Proceeds will either go to the fountain or for repairs to the bandstand at Grenville Park. W. Mysona will contact Main Street businesses to see what kind of monies could possibly be donated; she will also contact the WBCA. There was brief discussion about foundries in the region.

The lights are still being worked on. Ken Higney recommends LED lights and illuminating the flag at night. He could run the conduit for an outlet. The fence has not been painted yet.

K. Galford will send Thank Yous for donations. The cards are of Ms. Lincoln's Nenameseck Square with the YMLA in the background. W. Mysona will donate

additional cards. K. Galford distributed business cards for the Commission; there was discussion about having a t-shirt and possibly setting up a booth at the 10/6 event (Kathy will inquire with WBCA).

Town Manager Stuart Beckley arrived at 7:32p to introduce himself. He inquired about the fence at Nenameseck Square (erected in the 1920s by the Improvement Association). There was discussion about the Square's history. He also inquired about a historical preservation restriction on town hall (there is not one). However, if we used state money to make repairs, we are required to present to the MA Historic Commission. There was discussion about: needed repairs including replacement windows; establishing a Community Preservation Act (CPA) which L. Lak is willing to try. He also wants any town hall projects to be forwarded to the Capital Planning Committee.

Stuart reported that no proposals were received for 13 Church; the minimum was \$44,000 which is the value of the land. A new round of bids are due July 12; the minimum has been lifted. He welcomed the Commission's thoughts on the South Street School. RDK's report shows that it is too expensive the rehab at this point.

6. Report from 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – June 24 is the last event: they will place the marker at the time capsule. The Committee will be dissolved in November.
7. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Group - the project is proceeding. Tim Kane has withdrawn from his involvement. The book will be edited round robin style. Fire and Police chapters are in the works. August 31 is deadline. A Christmas release date is anticipated. Copyright will be held by the Society.
8. Old Business - none at this time.
9. New Business
  - a. Memorial Day Ceremony at Quabbin Park Cemetery – Judi and Kathy walked this year and confirmed that they were photographed (confirming the Commission's participation in order to receive our share of the distribution of the Schmidt Trust). They reported that our banner is rather plain and small compared to the other groups which participated. K. Galford will investigate a new banner.
  - b. Quabbin's 75th Remembrance - C. Labombard reported that the Quabbin will turn 75 in 2013. Many events are planned.
10. Mail – No mail.
11. Adjourn - Motion by J. Mosso, seconded by L. Lak, to adjourn 8:08 p.m.

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