



# TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission  
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes from meeting held  
May 21, 2012

Present: Kathy Galford, Cindi Labombard, Lynn Caufield Lak, Judi Mosso, Wanda Mysona,

Chairman, Lynn Caufield Lak called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Approval of April Minutes – There was brief discussion about the meeting minutes. Motion by K. Galford, seconded C. Labombard, to accept the April minutes as presented. Unanimous.
2. Treasurer's Report – K. Galford distributed the latest report. There was discussion about our accounts and related balances. Kathy has requested \$1,000 from Country Bank. She will pursue donations from Verizon and Holy Cross Church. Donations are coming in for the fountain restoration. The Ware Business and Civic Association (WBCA) is planning a Summer Fun Fest in early August. Proceeds will go to rebuilding the bandstand in Grenville Park and restoring the fountain in Nenameseck Square. The town website will be updated to reflect the fountain project and encourage donations. Motion by J. Mosso, seconded by C. Labombard to accept the financial report as presented. Unanimous.
3. Tattered Flag from Time Capsule – The VA is responsible for destroying old flags however we would like to keep the one from the 1961 time capsule. The VA will accept a letter from the MA Historical Commission requesting the flag not be destroyed. Motion by J. Mosso, seconded by K. Galford, for C. Labombard and L. Lak to compose letter to MHC after June 8. Unanimous.
4. Covered Bridge Wood – C. Labombard reported that Dave Kopacz and Herb Foley from the Rail Trail came to pick up their portion of the wood; she also received their signed statement. Dave also requested any extra pieces however, he has been added to the list of requests that Cindi is keeping. Any business related to the wood now belongs to the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House (PWCMH).
5. Special Projects
  - a. Methodist (Episcopal) Church at 13 Church Street – Cindi reported that she did not know this topic was on the BOS agenda. There was discussion about the

stained glass, the RFP, possible demolition and adding a "demolition delay" by law. Judi will talk to Stuart to get clarification about the RFP.

- b. Town Hall study – W. Mysona passed her copy of the study to Cindi.
6. Nenameseck Square – Robinson Iron in AL may be able to match, or match closely, the fountain top. If we use existing pieces from the fountain, the cost would approximately be \$2,500 - \$5,000 (not including shipping). There was discussion about sending "thank you" cards for donations; and the cost of stationary and stamps; Judi will give Kathy stamps for the cards. L. Lak will research having one of Elizabeth Lincoln's cards made into a post card. Motion by L. Lak, seconded by J. Mosso, to use up to \$50 from the fountain gift account for Thank You cards. Unanimous. W. Mysona reported that the lights are still being worked on; the Parks Dept. has added mulch to the area. Wanda has offered to buy painting supplies for the fence.
7. Report from 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – The last even is placing the marker on the time capsule on June 8.
8. 250<sup>th</sup> Book Group – The 250<sup>th</sup> Committee's financial close-out is June 30 but ,per Town Accountant, they have until November to actually close the account. The publisher has been chosen, but there remains an issue about copyright. They hope to have the book available for Ware Flare in December.
9. Ware Center Day – Will be held June 6.
10. Hampshire County 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, June 8 – June 8 is also the day we place the marker at the time capsule. Hopefully, members of the Society can attend.
11. Old Business - None at this time.
12. New Business
  - a. Memorial Day Ceremony at Quabbin Park Cemetery – Marty will not be walking; Judi and Kathy are interested in participating. There was discussion about the walk and ceremony; Judi and Kathy must be photographed so the Commission's participation is documented for our share of the distribution of the Schmidt Trust.
13. Mail – No mail.
14. Adjourn - Motion by L. Lak, seconded by J. Mosso, to adjourn 8:00 p.m.

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