



TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes for meeting held
March 26, 2012

Present: Lynn Lak, Wanda Mysona, Cindi LaBombard, Sharon Biskup, Kathy Galford

1. Approval of February 27, 2012 Minutes: unanimous
2. Treasurer's Report: no report
3. Annual report: filed in WHC cabinet

2. Covered Bridge Wood: Cindi--we need to be present when Dave Kopasz takes his portion awarded by the Board of Selectmen. The wood will be used for signage at the Rail Trail.

3. Special Projects:
 - a. Wanda—South Street School—wooden flagpole—might be some interest by other organizations/groups in Town. Cindi thought the Historical Society might be interested in the flagpole.
 - b. Town Hall report discussed at a recent B of S meeting— Kathy will inform us if there is anything on the B of A agenda regarding historic matters. Lynn will write a letter to the town manager to let him know that alterations to the Town Hall have to be approved by the State. Lynn will read the Town Hall report from RDK Engineers and will circulate it.

4. Nenameseck Square –Marty helped Lynn get in touch with Bill Jenkins, who was the person that Phil recommended we speak to about fountain parts. His number is 518-867-3673. He found a company called Robinson Iron and has dealt with Luke Robinson and Scott Howell. Both have been very helpful. Their number is 800-824-2157. When they saw that foundries were going out of business, they moved in and bought all the molds. It will be helpful if we can learn who made our fountain. Lynn emailed Robinson Iron with a picture of our fountain and they responded with a drawing of our fountain. Lynn will find out how much it would cost to recast the missing pieces. How much are we willing to pay for restoration? Should we look into alternative materials in the hope that that the restoration will last longer? Bill Jenkins is ready to start working on our fountain again. Do we want a new light?

Wanda will call Ken Higney to see if he can replace the light. Wanda will also inquire about planting flowers in the spring.

5. Report from 250th Committee: next meeting April 11. Will discuss Rotary's nomination as Citizens of the Year, and placing of the marker on the time capsule.
6. 250th Book Group –Lynn spoke to Emily Bancroft about Hardwick's 2003 history. They paid \$6500 for 300 hardcover and 200 softcover books on heavy bond paper with over 100 pictures. The time span was longer, so the book was over 400 pages. The town put it out to bid, and the town paid for the remainder of the cost after they got sponsors and a grant from the Arts Council. The proceeds went to the town coffers. Tim is favoring Higginson to publish our history book. Turley can't print small jobs like ours. Several other publishers have been contacted about printing. Kathy will ask the Town Accountant if the WHC could donate some of its funds toward the book.
7. Old Business –
 - a. where should the Indian carving be located? One possible location would be in a case in the high school; Cindi and Wanda will take a look at it.
 - b. The 250th essays should be recycled.
 - c. Lynn made a motion that our budget request be rescinded. It was unanimously approved.
8. Martha, and Cindi's terms expire June 30 and they should submit a letter to the BOS to reapply so it can be voted on *before* 6/30.
9. Cindi and Sharon borrowed the Covered Bridge folder from the WHC file cabinet
10. Mail – none
11. Adjourn -