



TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes from meeting held
February 27, 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 January Minutes – There was brief discussion about the meeting minutes and everyone's term dates; Kathy will check dates. Motion by C. Labombard, seconded W. Mysona, to accept the February minutes as revised. Unanimous. (Update: Kathy verified that all terms expire on June 30 of the following years: Lynn and Kathy, 2014; Sharon, 2013; Judi (took Carla's position), 2013; Wanda, Cindi and Martha, 2012).
2. Treasurer's Report – K. Galford provided an overview of our account balances. Next month's report will include the account for Nenameseck Square. Per the Town Accountant, we are not allowed to purchase or own property because we are part of the town. There was brief discussion about the Peterson house; requesting that our \$1,000 budget be reinstated; and the financial shortfall to the schools. Motion by J. Mosso, seconded by W. Mysona to accept the financial report as presented.
3. Annual Report – L. Lak reported that our Annual Report was submitted and that she was pleased with our efforts this year.
4. Covered Bridge Wood – The wood has been moved and is stored properly. Boy Scouts would like any scrap wood to craft and sell. C. Labombard met with members of the Open Space and Recreation Committee to discuss their portion of the wood but the never showed up to receive it. If they do not want the wood, we want that in writing.
5. Special Projects – There was discussion about the wooden indian carved by chainsaw artist Jesse Green including where it should be displayed. It should be protected from the elements and vandals. The high school or Town Hall were the strongest sites. We should investigate how his other pieces are displayed but the final decision will likely be that of the 250th Anniversary Committee.

6. Nenameseck Square – No update this month. L. Lak did not receive a phone call back from the Palmer Foundry and is having difficulty reaching Bill Jenkins.
7. Report from 250th Anniversary Committee – The Committee will disband in June and any remaining money must be spent before June 30 (end of our fiscal year). They hope to place the time capsule marker at the Ware Center Meeting House (WCMH) boulder in early June with a reception afterward. The 250 Steering Committee has been chosen as Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club and will be honored at their annual meeting.
8. 250th Book Group – The book is not ready so choosing a publisher is premature. It is important for us to have a published history of the town, so the Commission could contribute some seed money. However, we cannot be involved with the sales; it must go through the Society. The last 2 books were funded by the town.
9. New Business – Judi will e.mail our meeting dates to the BOS office.
10. Old Business – none.
11. Mail –
 - a. We received a letter from new Town Manager Stuart Beckley inviting creative solutions and that his door is open to everyone.
 - b. We received notice from Bonnie Parsons at PVPC of 2 homes that will have work done. Neither property was of concern to the Commission.
 - c. There was discussion about what should be done with the remaining essays from the 250th writing contest. (Winning essays were buried in the time capsule). We could return them to teachers, file them, give to library or give to the WCMH. This was tabled for further discussion.
12. Adjourn - Motion by J. Mosso, seconded by W. Mysona, to adjourn 8:02 p.m.

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