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Historical Commission
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

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April 25, 2019 6 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Present: Lynn Caulfield Lak, Wanda Mysona, Cindi LaBombard, Jodi Chartier, Rebekah DeCoursey,
Stuart Beckley

Absent: Kathy Galford, Mary Midura, Lorrie Willette, Cynthia Bourcier

Wanda called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

1. Administrative

- a. *Approve minutes from January 28, 2019: tabled until next month*
- b. *Treasurer's Report: postponed until next month*

2. Special Projects

- a. *Town Hall/Great Hall: painting: tabled*

3. Old Business & Updates

- a. *Inventory Books: Lynn had the books redone at B&T Printing in Ware. It cost \$350.00, not the original \$250 we set aside. We have an index, and a table of contents. Lynn will put the cost on her card (he's been waiting for 2 months) and we can decide how to handle the bill next month.*
- b. *Display Case-New Exhibit?*
- c. *Paint: we have two quotes, but no Cynthia. Stuart said she did a super job.*
- d. *The grant has been filed, but we still need a vote on the Town Meeting floor to go ahead.*

4. New Business

- a. *Comments and concerns from citizens: Jodi Chartier came to discuss the Solar Farm planned for the Soper property: goes through the fields and then clear cuts 14 acres up to Shea's tree farm, and along Greenwich Plains Road behind Ware Center. Clear cutting is going to be a problem, as the water is overflowing now. We need to ask for water retention ponds, there was a flood in 1955, and the ground is always wet there, so there is concern that it will affect the water level. We have concerns about that for the Meeting House, which already has exorbitant numbers for moisture within, and has French drains to handle some of the excess water in the area, but not all. Today there were puddles in the lawn after a hard rain storm. There is the Doane Road Bridge, which we just repaired, and Howard Road (the possible entry point for the solar farm) that can't support tractor trailer trucks. We can ask for a peer review after a rain and make sure they have clean-up in place. Jodi hopes to reroute the opening through Greenwich Plains Road rather than Howard Road. The farm will be only 1/3 a mile from the Meeting House. Lynn offered to write a letter to the Planning Board, stating the HC's concern about the current water level, and how it's affecting the*



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Meeting House already. She will send it to Rebekah for inclusion in a packet that will go to the Planning Board prior to the meeting on May 15th at 7:05p.m. Jodi asked Cindi especially to attend that meeting to tell the Board about the flood of '55.

- b. **South Street School Bricks Fundraiser: tabled until next month**
 - c. **Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Reviews: none**
 - d. **TIP grant: Lynn showed everyone pictures of the water fountain, monument, and decorative lamp pole that were of some concern when she and Kathy walked the area in front of the Town Hall. Su**
 - e. **New town planner: Rebekah DeCoursey**
5. **Mail & Announcements: PVPC meeting June 13th, Aspen Grove cemetery plan was approved.**
6. **Adjourn 6:55**

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Caulfield Lak

Next meeting: May 20, 2019