



TOWN OF WARE

Historical Commission
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082

Minutes
March 25, 2013

Present: Kathy Galford, Lynn Caulfield Lak, Wanda Mysona

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of February Minutes - Minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's Report - We had more donations for the fountain: \$550 this month. That brings our grand total to \$2,588.00. The Cemetery signs that we paid for on behalf of the Cemetery Commission have come into question whether we used town money to identify private property. Tracy is looking into the two cemeteries. Lynn was fairly sure they were both historical in nature, and the one on the hill (Ware Center Cemetery) was a town cemetery since the 1800s. No one was too sure about the East Church Cemetery.
3. Special Projects
 - a. *Methodist Church* - Lynn spoke again to Roc Goodreau and he said we could pop in any time. Work is going along well. They haven't yet turned on the heat, which is a concern as it was so expensive to heat back when it was the Senior Center.
 - b. *Town Hall* - lots of contractors going through. One of them came out to look at the bowed windows in the Town Clerk's office, which will be expensive to replace.
 - c. *Fountain* - Due to Kathy's incredible skill at writing letters requesting money, the Urban Foundation has offered to pay for the remainder of the restoration of the fountain which is \$18,000! Luke Robinson, from Robinson Iron, said the \$23,900 figure he gave us last year can stand. There will be a write up in the paper that Kathy intends to do. Luke told Lynn it was possible to pick it up (and all the pieces) in April, and have it back in 2-3 months. Lynn will write a note for the BOS. Lynn and Kathy will attend the Parks Commission meeting on 4/1.
 - d. *South Street School* - no news

4. Old Business & Updates

- a. *New Banner* - will be green. Kathy had 2 mock-ups of the design. We had some discussion regarding the motto and agreed that a 6' banner would be fine. With Judi's vote (previous to the meeting) and 30" long, we told Kathy to go ahead and order the banner, which will cost between \$100 and \$125.
- b. *Quabbin's 75th Remembrance* - Ticket Request Forms for Ball should be distributed from the Town Clerk's Office and Ware Senior Center as well as the website for Friends of Quabbin. Cindi can supply if need be. Also, we are requesting all Historical Societies and some Commissions to loan us their banners for display at the Ball. We are collecting these at our Annual Meeting on 4/7/2013 to be held at the Swift River Valley Historical Society in New Salem at 1:00 PM. If you are unable to make this; please notify me. We can arrange a Ware meeting. Lynn will contact Cindi and bring her the Ware banner.
- c. *Bandstand at Grenville Park* - no word.

5. New Business

- a. *Comments and Concerns from citizens* - none
- b. *Correcting inventory, wrong captions with some photos* - later discussion
- c. *Request for Membership on the Committee for Open Space Planning* - Lynn read this request for a member of the HC to sit on this board and everyone is thinking it over.

6. Mail - no mail

7. Adjourn Motion by , seconded by to adjourn 8:14 p.m.