

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes
Meeting of June 4th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM in Hearing room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Jane Davidson, David Paliotti, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Permit- 637 Moraine Street- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tedeschi, owners of the property, were present. The estimate from Buttonwood Restorations totaled \$271,000. not including the septic system. Mr. Tedeschi explained that he would like to demolish the building and perhaps leave the lot vacant. He purchased the property to protect the home next door which he lives in from being devalued by development of the parcel. Mr. & Mrs. Tedeschi did not agree with some of the prices quoted by Mr. Detweiler. They thought they were low estimates. There was a discussion of the value of the property if it is restored but it was pointed out that the house is situated too close to the street to be attractive to buyers. As it turns out it will cost more to restore the building than it will be worth when completed. Tim Davidson (Marshfield Historical Society) said that he agreed that the repair would be cost prohibitive. He asked that the Commission delay demolition for one year to give additional time to locate someone who would save the building for non-residential use. The Society may be interested in this project. He asked if the owners would sub-divide the house away from the rest of the lot in hopes of preserving the house. It was pointed out that sub-division is not likely as the lot is not big enough. Mrs. Tedeschi asked if the Town would pay to restore the building. Otis explained that he didn't think this was likely. David said he felt it was unfair to ask the owners to wait another year to complete their plans. No one in the audience spoke in opposition to issuing of a demolition permit. Jane said she thought we should delay for one year for historical preservation. Jane made a motion to delay demolition for one year. There was no second. Otis made a motion to delay demolition for 120 days to allow time for someone to come forward to repair or remove the building. Motion seconded by David and Alfred. Brief discussion. Voted and passed 5-1 with Jane opposed.

Secretary's report. The minutes of the meeting of April 7th were reviewed. Alfred made a motion, seconded by David to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Training Green- Molly Fund - The Molly Fitzgerald Fund would like the use of the Training Green on July 19, August 2, and Aug. 23rd for out door movies, selling popcorn, drinks and candy. Otis made a motion, seconded by Michele to allow the use. Voted and passed, unanimously.

The First Congregational Church - The Church would like the use of the Training Green for their Annual Fair on July 13th. Otis made a motion seconded by Alfred to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Summerfest Planning Committee- Summerfest would like the use of the Training Green on June 23rd for their annual celebration. Motion made by Otis, seconded by Norma to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- Alfred reports all bills are paid and we have expended 73% of our annual budget. There is \$979.00 left over.

Historic Homes - Two new applications for addition to our Supplemental list. They are 44 Chickatawbut which was built in 1885 and 166 Summer Street which was built in the 1700's. We have acquired a list also of historic public buildings which will be included in the supplemental list.

They include the Seth Ventress Building, South Grammar School. No. Community Church & Parish Hall, First Congregational Church, Brant Rock Union Chapel, Webster family homestead, Isaac Winslow House, and Daniel Webster Law Office.

Among other papers found from Joan Scolponetti was a list of historic monuments and markers. Jane will compare to our list and be sure all of them are included.

D. Webster Law Office - Contract with Peter Clapsaddle for the site work plans has been signed. Mr. Clapsaddle has already been to the site and plans to have the work completed by June 30th. The furniture that will be returned to the building when restoration is complete has all been returned from the restoration company and is back in storage at the Marcia Thomas House. There only remains the disposition of the very large oriental rug that was on the floor. Norma reports she has a appointment with Gary Langebach(an expert in oriental carpets) to see the rug on June 12th and he will advise us if this is a historic piece and whether it can be restored. He is doing this free of charge.

Pratt House- Norma reports that she met with the Board of Selectmen along with Tom Whelan and Karen O'Donnell from Open Space regarding this property. After our presentations it was decided to ask for a feasibility study to be done to determine the best direction for this property. Mr. Whelan suggested CPC may be able to fund this study. The barn is in very good condition. The house need some serious updating.

GAR Hall- Otis reports the NRAS is in contact with Mass Historical Commission to ask them about some interior remodeling in the building.

Announcements- Otis reports that Cynthia Krusell has asked to be reappointed as the Town Historian.

He reports to have received communication from the Russell family from Gladstone, OR. They claim to be descendents of Arthur Howland and they claim he was one of the founders of Marshfield and his name should be on the monument at Winslow Cemetery. Cynthia disagreed. Otis will send him a letter advising him of such.

Otis report having received a letter from Brad white regarding the Christian Science Church. Plans are underway from the new owner to convert the church into three condo's and he would like to add three 2-car garages to the lot. Brad White is concerned that this will be a detriment to the community. Otis explained that we will have no input into this idea unless they apply for a demolition permit.

The next meeting will be July 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins
Secretary.