

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of September 6, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Jim O’Gara, Michelle Campion, Brendan Coyne and Norma Haskins.

Secretary’s Report- The minutes of the meeting of August 2nd were reviewed. After review Michelle made a motion, seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Edward Thompson Grave Marker- Cindy Castro from the Marshfield Historical Society reports that the footstone in question was spotted at an auction site in Maine and recognized by Mark Jacobson of the Duxbury Historical Society who reported it to her. After much research by Cindy and Marshfield Police Detectives Todd Goodwin and Greg Davis it was discovered that this footstone was missing from the grave of Edward Thompson in Winslow Cemetery. Officer Goodwin explained his research and advised that Detective Davis ultimately drove to Thomaston, Maine and retrieved the stone and has returned it to Marshfield. Detective Goodwin explained that as soon as the case is concluded the footstone (which appears to have been sliced off with a stone saw just below the script) will be returned to the Commission. After a brief discussion it was decided that the stone should be left in safe keeping at the Marsha Thomas House and perhaps returned to the Commission at such time as we have an office of our own.

Marshfield Fair- Ronnie Lehage attended representing the Directors of the Fair. In 2017 they will be celebrating their 150th year incorporated. We have agreed to purchase a granite marker to commemorate that event. She offered a possible script for the stone and also offered to have the staff at the fair install the marker when it is complete. She explained some of the events they have planned for the celebration. After discussion Norma made a motion, seconded by Jim to set aside up to \$2,000.00 for the marker. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Daniel Webster’s Law Office- Otis reports delay in construction due to more restrictions. They now have to comply with lead paint and mold inspections. Brief discussion on the project. In a discussion on security Norma explained that now

the security system is installed it will be necessary to make a duplicate key and keep it in a lockbox on the building so police and fire will have access in emergencies. The cost for the duplicate key has been quoted by Hanover Lock (who made the present key) at \$375.00. The cost of the lock box quoted by the Fire Dept. from Knox Box Co. will be \$325.00. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Brendan to set aside \$375. For the key and \$325. For the lock box. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Zion Hill Marker- This marker is askew. Otis has spoken with the DPW and they have agreed to set it up again.

Webster/Thomas Well- Otis is working on CPC for funds to complete the restoration. He hopes to get it done at the same time as the landscaping.

Norma reports that she has priced the name plates for our meeting at \$80. For six plates. She made a motion, seconded by Jim to set aside \$80. For the name plates. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Announcements- There has been a gift to the Commission of a cancelled envelope dated to 1932 with a Daniel Webster Estate return address. This was a gift from Glenn Corriveau in Forestdale. After a brief discussion it was decided to give the artifact to the Trust to put on display in the History Room at the estate.

Next meeting October 4th

Meeting adjourned 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins

Secretary