

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of July 5th, 2016

Meeting called to order in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall at 6:30PM.

Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Jim O'Gara and Norma Haskins

Secretary's Report. – The minutes of the meeting of June 7th were reviewed. Jim made a motion, seconded by Otis to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed unanimously.

Demolition Application- 75 Holyoke Ave- House built in 1940 and has been added on to recently. It is not in very good condition. It's to be replaced with a single family home. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demolition application- 57 Concord St- This cottage is 78 years old. It has changed owners in the last month. It has no foundation and has to be replaced. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim, that this cottage has no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demolition application- 10 Craddock Rd. - Alfred reviewed. Tiny house on a tiny lot, condition is poor and needs to be raised 16' to comply with FEMA. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demolition application- 167 Island St- The owner of this property is combining this lot with the next one to enlarge an already existing house. The condition of this house is very poor, and not been lived in for many years. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Daniel Webster's Law Office- Otis reports he is still working on getting the purchase orders issued to pay for the work to be done. The Landscaping proposal was too high and has to be divided between two vendors. Plans are underway to separate out the parking area and

ADA compliant walkway to another vendor. There have been some questions on the qualifications of Buttonwood Renovations but Otis is working on that.

Well Discovery- Mr., Maresco has assisted and an archeologist for Massachusetts Historical Commission was sent to examine the well found near the law office. He has dated this well at the late 1700's to the time of the Thomas family. After a brief discussion Jim made a motion, seconded by Alfred that the Historical Commission is in favor of a restoration project for the well. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Otis would like to apply for funding from the CPC for fall town meeting so as to get the project completed before the grand reopening of the law office in the spring. The funds would be used to build a 2 ½ foot granite wall around it and cover it with a screen to keep it safe and be marked with a plaque. The well is lined with field stones, 12 feet deep and still has water in the bottom.

Historical Documents- There has been recent interest in borrowing documents from our archives. In order to keep track of everything Otis suggested we prepare a list of requirements to be able to borrow documents and the length of time they can be kept. Norma will prepare a list and have it ready for the next meeting for a vote. Suggestions were made to be included.

Announcements- Otis reports that when the restoration work was done at the Webster Gravesite the flagpole there was removed. It was destroyed by the DPW by mistake. Selectman Robbins would like it replaced. Otis has determined the proper place to install it and we all agreed we should request funds from the CPC to replace the pole.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM

Next meeting on August 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins

Secretary