

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of October 3, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Robert Dougherty, Cindy Castro, Brendan Coyne, Jim O'Gara and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application- 106 Boles Road- Robert reviewed. This house was built in 1960 and remains in good condition. Owners want to update house to an open floor plan and cannot as it is. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Cindy, that this building 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- 125 Colby Hewitt Lane- Robert reviewed. House appears to be in fairly good condition. Owner's family present. Owner passed away several years ago and house has remained vacant and had no care. It is their wishes that this house be demolished and lot to be left vacant. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Robert, 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- 52 Island Street- Robert reviewed. House was built in 1910. It remains a summer cottage and the cost to raise and renovate would be prohibitive. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Brendan, 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.

780 Careswell St- Neighbors at 810 Careswell were present. They are concerned that this house may be sold to a developer and demolished. They have done some research and found it was built in the 1700's and was part of the Winslow property at one time. They wanted to know if the house was added to our list of Historical Homes if that would protect it from demolition. Alfred explained that it would not. All we can do is delay the process in order to find other solutions. He explained the process for a demolition to them and explained that the Owner of the property had to start the process by applying for a demolition permit.

Secretary's report- The minutes of the meeting of September 5th and the public hearing on the Pratt Property were reviewed. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- Brendan reports there remains \$2,478. In our budget. Norma reports cost of paint for the floor exceeded our estimate. She made a motion, seconded by Alfred to increase that amount to \$120.00. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Pratt Property- Otis was asked to write up a brief review on the Pratt Property for the Boston Globe. In it he explained our view to have the Board of Selectmen give the barn to the Marshfield Fair and then demolish the house due to its disrepair and cost to renovate. Cindy explained that the Fair was planning on using the building to display historical farming implements in their collection. She is getting estimates to move the barn and the foundation which they hope to present to CPC for funding. Brief discussion on this subject and the fact that we have imposed a one year delay on demolition on this property until August 2018. Alfred to notify the Building Dept. of our decision.

Law Office- Otis said that the floor is finished thanks to Norma, Barbara and Michelle. Ground Effects is under contract to complete the well and soon the landscaping contract should be signed as well. Norma explained that as soon as the windows are working properly she will see the drapes are reinstalled and then cleaned. Then two area rugs will have to be purchased to set the furniture on. Otis explained that there will be an area approximately 4-5 feet deep just inside the door for people to visit and listen to a docent and the rest of the room will be off limits to visitors by installation of a rope and post array. After review Norma made a motion, seconded by Jim to set aside \$350.00 for rugs. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

South Grammar School- Otis explained that Jim is on the Trustees of the Ventress Library and he feels there may be room for us at the Library. Otis and Norma will meet with Jim at the Library to discuss this possibility. That would give us rest rooms, lights and heat. Whoopee!

Cindy reminds us that October 28th Marshfield Memories Roadshow will be at the Library if anyone would like to attend and tell the world about their history in Marshfield. Volunteers are needed to help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Next meeting is November 7th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary