

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of August 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Cindy Castro, Alfred Almeida, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application- 1173 Ferry Street- Owner Oscar Escobar was present. Alfred reviewed, Ownership confirmed. This is a typical beach cottage built in 1938. In a flood zone, frequent flooding, building needs to be raised 9 feet. Cost prohibitive. Owners plans to replace with a single family home. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Michelle, 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.

Demo application- 1181 Ferry St. Same as previous cottage. Same owner and circumstances. This cottage built in 1949. To be replaced with another single family home. Both homes to be raised 9 feet. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Michelle 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.

Demo application- 102 Edwards Rd- Owners Mr. & Mrs. Gilmore present. - This cottage was built in 1950 and is not structurally sound. They plan to replace it with a single family home. Alfred confirmed ownership. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Michelle 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.

Secretary's Report- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Alfred to accept the minutes of the meeting of July 10th as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- Norma suggested one correction. The item listed as fabric for the chair should have been reupholstering of chair.

Norma Reports the bronze plaque has been installed at the Well site. There was a cost of \$55.00 to rent a special drill to drill the rock. She made a motion, seconded by Alfred to set aside \$55.00 to cover the cost of the rental. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

First Congregational Church- Mr. Rick Taylor was present for the Church. He explained that the Church is fundraising for much needed funds to restore and repair their meetinghouse and to build up their endowment fund so as to have funds available to restore the steeple which is in need of repair. They would like to apply to the CPC for funds to assist them in their efforts to maintain their historical church which dates back to the earliest days of Marshfield in 1630. Their meetinghouse needs new windows, roof, insulation and siding. Michelle advised him on the process of appearing before the CPC and the difficulties he may encounter. This church is

already listed on our historic house list. Michelle suggested he search for grants that may be available. Michelle made a motion seconded by Alfred to draft a letter to the CPC to support the Church in their efforts for funding. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

August 19th Rededication- Otis reports he has not heard from very many people regarding their invitations so it has been difficult to prepare a program. He will be speaking with Jim Cantwell regarding the program. Our Town Historian Cynthia Krusell will speak. The DWPT has purchased the 6 foot buntings for the front of the house and we are hoping the DPW will send a couple of people to put them up. Cindy to make our request. He asked that some of us come early to the ceremony to help set up the chairs. Parking is at the Senior Center. Norma to order the cake. She made a motion, seconded by Michelle, to set aside \$100.00 to pay for the cake. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Otis is going to contact WATD and Cindy agreed to get in touch with the Mariner. Cindy also thought she could get the PA system. Otis thought he could get a podium from the Town Hall.

Law office sign- The new sign directing residents to the law office has been installed as well as the bronze plaque on the stone next to the old well found nearby.

Training Green- No River Community Church- Requests the use of the training green for a movie night on August 11th. Otis made a motion, seconded by Cindy to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Explore Marshfield - Regina Porter- requests the use of the Training Green for Civil War reenactment of the burning of the tea from Bourne Ordinary. She is working with the Boys and Girls Club. That date is October 7th from 10AM to 2PM. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Michelle to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Marshfield Drug Task Force – Michael Maresco- has requested the use of the Training Green for a function on August 31st. Michelle made a motion seconded by Cindy to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

What's next- We need to make plans for the coming years to staff the Law Office during its regular hours for July and August. Norma and Otis are doing Docent duties this summer but the chore needs to be shared with other commission members as well. Brief discussion followed.

Announcements- Otis reports efforts are underway to make a dog park at the Pratt property. Michelle suggested that may be a problem as the property is under open space and they may not allow it. There is no parking among other problems.

Next meeting is September 11th due to the election.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins Secretary