

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of December 1st, 2020

Meeting called to order via ZOOM at 7PM. Attending were Cindy Castro, Michele Campion, Carolyn Shanley, Kathy Sullivan, Barbara Carney and Norma Haskins. Also attending were Dean Copeland and Amy Boyce (Hatch Mill).

Cindy advises that Karen Biagini will be resigning after the January Meeting.

Secretary's Report- The minutes of the meeting of November 10th had been reviewed by all. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed by a roll call vote.

Treasurers Report, Michele reports no further expenditures have been made. Our balance remains at \$3,148.

Hatch Mill - Dean Copeland spoke on their behalf. He said it has been very quiet this year because of the virus constraints. They had applied to the CPC for funds to hydro-rake the pond adjacent to the mill. CPC advised him that they will expect the Hatch Mill group to provide substantial fundraising before they would consider helping. Mr. Copeland would like to build a relationship with the Historical Commission in hopes of getting grants to help in the hydro raking and also the machinery at the mill, They have withdrawn their request from CPC for now. He explained hydro-raking to the commission as compared to an all-out dredging of the pond. The cost reduction is significant, down from an estimated \$300,000. To \$350,000. for dredging to \$200,000. for the hydro-raking. The raking will remove the frag mites and their roots only. Michele explained that CPC has less and less funds coming in from the state and they are conservative in spending what they have. Barbara offered some suggestions on seeking grants.

There was a brief discussion on CPC funds and how historic projects are supervised to keep jobs historically accurate.

Plain St Burial site- Cindy still has no response from Town Counsel yet.

Plainville Cemetery- Carolyn spoke with Town Counsel Robert Galvin regarding what the Town could do to help with this situation and was told they would not get involved until more paperwork could be found relative to ownership of plots there. A brief discussion was held on trying to help research records. Carolyn is to reach out to Bob Melvin and see if he has any information that would help.

The First Congregational Church would like the use of the Training Green for their Live Nativity for December 20th from 3PM -5:30PM. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to allow the use. It was voted and passed via a roll call vote

Blacksmith Shop- The Winslow House has voiced a complaint regarding the condition of the Blacksmith Shop. There is now a question on who owns the building. Barbara agreed to research Otis records to see if she has any information on that. Jim Fitzgerald advises that the building is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. In order to use CPC funds for the estimated \$100,000. To rebuild the building needs to be in the possession of the Town. There will be no funds available for new construction.

Irish Trail- Kathy reports she has spoken with Brenda O'Connor regarding the trail. Scituate has applied for grants from Ireland to help fund the trail. They have prepared a community television documentary about the trail hosted by local resident newsman Peter Mehegan. So far they have received two grants for \$1200. And \$15,000. . There are 7 towns involved and they are planning bus tours to introduce areas in each town where the Irish have left their mark. They are also planning brochures and a U Tube program and ZOOM Q&A programs. Brenda would like to know what we can contribute. Norma said she spoke with Town Historian Cynthia Krusell who advises that the Irish were prominent in Brant Rock and Green Harbor in the early 20th and late 19th century as vacationers. Kathy is to contact the Chamber of Commerce and see if they have anything they could contribute or ideas.

Letter from Carol Hamilton COA. – They are planning a new outdoor recreation park at the COA. They would like to name it Old Pilgrim Trail Park because she thought the Old Pilgrim Trail was their driveway. The actual Old Pilgrim Trail is the drive next door at Arborway. The feeling among the Commission was that another name may be more appropriate. Cindy is to send a reply and suggest that another name may be more appropriate and why and offer a few suggestions.

Announcements- Norma announced that a call was received from the new owner at 85 Prospect St. in the Marshfield Hills Historic District. She is assisting him to locate some history of his home which was built in or about 1840.

Brief discussion on whether or not the Recreation Dept. will be using the Training Green for an ice rink this winter. We agreed it will be doubtful as to the virus constraints and the warm winter predicted.

Next meeting scheduled for January 5th.

Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to adjourn the meeting. It was voted and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary