

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of August 2, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7PM in the Historical Commission office at 2033 Ocean St. Attending were Cindy Castro, Carolyn Shanley, Kathy Sullivan, Barbara Carney, Michele Campion and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application, Public Hearing- 365 Ocean Street

The following guests were present:

Steve and Mary Wessling, 369 Ocean St	Kevin and Jane Power, 365 Ocean St
Peter and Nancy Mauro, 15 Liversedge St	Jed Harmon, Atlantic Coast Engineering
Fred & Elain O'Brien, 57 Ashburton Ave	Robin Mitchell, 123 Gotham Hill Dr
Charles Warren, 375 Ocean St	Michael Saltzman, 379 Ocean St
Celeste & Laura Verville, 63 Ashburton Ave.	Lisa Kelly, 46 Ashburton Ave
Wendy Pugliese, 70 Plymouth Ave.	Kathy Quinlan, 79 Ashburton Ave
Jay Herzog, 575 South River St- Architect	

Kevin Power introduced himself and explained to all his family's aims to move to Marshfield to live near the beach. He feels the cost to restore the present building is cost prohibitive. He has also spoken with his neighbors to explain his aims. He was asked if he had any cost estimate to restore the building and he stated he did not. The following are audience comments and questions:

1. Is concerned about the structural integrity of the building and understands the cost to restore and time involved. He is in favor of demolition.
2. An architect explained FEMA regulations and current building codes that prohibit restoration. In favor of demolition.
3. Next door neighbor also understands cost is prohibitive and is in favor of demolition.
4. Would like to see an exact replica built but understands. In favor of demolition.

Cindy passed around future plans for the new structure for all to see.

Jed Hannon the Engineer spoke- He reviewed his findings with those present. He stated the mold is a serious problem too. The home is at the end of its life.

Michele asked about his reports being from a visual inspection. What are your findings regarding the structural integrity of the house. He explained the lack of footing support and cracks in the walls.

Cindy asked about rot in the timbers and he said he could not determine that without a partial demolition to access the area.

Audience member stated old methods and materials were used in the construction including wrought iron (not galvanized) nails and fir timbers for support and they cannot last like today's materials.

Michele asked for parts of the plans for the new structure that would match the existing home. He stated the gathering places and living spaces would remain the same. He tried to make it fit into the neighborhood.

Carolyn asked if they had any plans to salvage any parts of the house for new structure and he said he would.

Michele asked if they had any estimates on the cost to restore and owner said they had a few people in to look but they all recommended demolition.

Carolyn explained our responsibility to protect the Historical integrity of our neighborhoods. Kathy added that our duties included saving our historic homes of which this is one.

Overall it seemed unanimous that the audience was in favor of demolition because of the cost and time involved to restore.

Public hearing closed at 7:43PM to be continued Sept. 6th.

Discussion followed regarding the findings we have so far. It was decided to ask for more information on the structural integrity of the house and cost to restore and to vote at the next meeting. Cindy to send a request for the following: Cost to restore the building, report on the structural condition of the building, what can be salvaged for use in the final structure and our input into final plans.

Return to Regular meeting

Minutes of our meeting of 7/12 were reviewed. Seeing no amendments Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept them as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Minutes of our meeting of 6/7 were reviewed including amendments. After review Kathy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- No monies have been spent from our new budget. Cindy reports accounts are being set up for CPC projects the fireproof cabinets for our office and the blacksmith shop. Brief discussion on the blacksmith shop project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM Next meeting 9/6.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary