

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of March 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7PM in the Historical Commission office at 2033 Ocean Street. Attending were Cindy Castro, Carolyn Shanley, Kathy Sullivan, Barbara Carney, Michele Campion and Norma Haskins. Also attending were guests Robin Mitchell and Ted Ahern.

Mr. Mitchell addressed the commission on the history of Hatch Mill. He explained that he has learned from a publication that much of the history we know is incorrect. He has been given a handwritten booklet for a member of the Hatch family. He learned that it was a grist mill in 1752. He is transcribing the handwritten journal into a form more easily read and he gave Cindy information to assist us in preparing script for marker for Hatch Mill. He prepared a possible script for us to consider but it has not been seen or approved of by the Hatch Mill Group. He explained how he came into possession of this booklet and is 40% completed his transcription. He will keep us informed of his findings.

Demolition Application for 8 Branch St. - Owner was present. After review Cindy made a motion, second by Michele 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.

Minutes- The minutes of our meeting of 2/7 were reviewed. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbra to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurer's report- There have been no further purchases this month.

Open house- It was decided that we shall have an Open House and Dedication of our new office on September 17th at 1PM – 3PM. We Chose speakers, decided whom we should invite, we discussed parking, food and beverages, and photographers. We decided that we need time to arrange the office to accommodate the new files coming and have the bronze plaque installed.

Fireproof cabinets - We discussed and decided which and how many fireproof cabinets to purchase and Carolyn will attend to that. We then discussed possible arrangements as to where all our stuff will be positioned in the new office space.

Meeting adjourned at 820PM. Next meeting will be April 4th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary