

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of May 5th, 2015

Meeting called to order in the lunchroom at Town Hall at 6:30PM. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Judith Freden, Michelle Campion, James O’Gara, David Paliotti and Norma Haskins.

Secretary’s Report- The minutes of the meeting of April 7th were reviewed. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim that the minutes be accepted as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Alfred reports that 79% of our annual budget is spoken for. He needs to get all the bills in to be paid by the end of June. There was a brief discussion on the bills left to pay. Otis mentioned that the Veterans have contacted him. Their budget was cut drastically and they asked if we could purchase a new flag for the Training Green before Memorial Day. Otis made a motion, seconded by Jim, to set aside \$250.00 to purchase a new flag for the Training Green. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demolition application – 10 Trouants Island- Alfred reviewed the history. The cottage was built in 1920 and has been altered several times since. The builder was present and said that a home inspection reported that the building is unsound. The owner present, Levine McKenna, intends to replace this structure with a 3 bedroom single family home. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim, that this house has no historical significance to the Town and can be demolished. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

372 Furnace Street- We received an email from Helen Demers. She is concerned that she has found an error on the Massachusetts Historical Commission website regarding a house that was on Furnace Street. After research into the research done by Christine Beard for our Commission in 1991 we discovered that a house that used to be on Furnace Street at #372 was listed at #472 in error on the state website. She also has some question about other history of that area. Norma is to send a letter to the state and ask them to correct the house number on their website. She will also contact Mrs. Demers and give her contact information for Christine Beard if she would like to contact her regarding any other information on the site.

419 Moraine St- Alfred advises that the property of Frank McGee who owns 409, 419 and 429A Moraine Street are on the real estate market. This property has considerable acres as it used to be a farm. It’s possible it could be used as a development. The original house at 409 was built in 1680. He wanted the commission to be aware that this property may come before us in the future.

Daniel Webster Law Office- The granite has been installed on the foundation and the building will be moved on Tuesday, weather permitting. Otis advises that we have to get together a

budget for the restoration and choose a contractor. Otis will contact Mr. Longo to request purview over these decisions. Alfred asked who will maintain the building once it's completed. Otis said the Commission will have that responsibility. Alfred advised we set aside funds each year to accomplish this task, Brief discussion on maintenance.

Historical Brochure. - Michelle reports the text has been completed and will be presented to the publisher this week. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim to accept the new text. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Congrats to Michelle for all her hard work on this project.

Granite Marker- Randall's Mill- Otis advises he will mark the site tomorrow and O'Gara Realty has a man who will prepare the hole for the marker. Thanks to Judith for her hard work on this project.

Training Green- Otis reports he was approached by Jim Fitzgerald from the "Molly Foundation" who inquired of the possibility of erecting a gazebo on the Training Green. Otis asked him to prepare for us drawings and particulars regarding this request and where they want to put it and we will discuss it at a future meeting.

We received a request from the Congregational Church who has requested the use of the green from July 9th to July 12th for their Church Fair. Norma made a motion, seconded by Jim to allow the use of the green for the church fair 7/9 to 7/12. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Announcements- Judith has decided that she will not be asked to be reappointed to the commission when her term expires June 30. She stated she has other projects she would like to get involved with. We thanked her for her service to the Commission.

EBI Consulting advises us that they are planning a cell tower for 114 Eustis Street.

Massachusetts Historical Commission has sent a letter concerning the Adelaide Phillips development. Otis has turned it over to the Town Administrator and we will discuss at the next meeting if necessary.

Mass Historical has also sent a confirmation letter regarding the structure found in the dig at the airport.

Jack Sullivan, Spyglass Landing was present and advises us that he is working with the Town Planner and the Coastal Advisory Group to put together three informational talks slated for late summer or fall regarding coastal development, overview of natural history of Marshfield, Social development and the history of storms. We all look forward to these talks.

Michelle reports that all the CPC articles were passed at Town Meeting including the ones of historical significance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM. Next meeting is June 2nd.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Haskins, Secretary