

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 7th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Judith Freden, Jim O'Gara, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Secretary's Report- The minutes of the meeting of Marsh 3rd were reviewed. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as prepared. Voted and passed, Michelle abstained as she was not at that meeting.

Treasurers Report- Alfred reports there is still \$1037 left in our budget for this fiscal year. All bills paid except for \$5.00 for keys made for the display case in the Town Hall.

Demolition permit application – Alfred reviewed the application continued from the last meeting. Postponed because of an error in posting the address. Cottage to be demolished to be replaced with single family home. While it is very old there is not enough left of the original structure to warrant saving. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim that this house has no historical significance to the Town and it can be demolished. Voted and passed, unanimously.

Training Green- Request from Karen Menard for the use of the Training Green to have exercise classes for which she will be paid. There was no action taken as she failed to appear.

Request received from Marshfield Fair for the use of the training green for the Farmers Market during the Fair. Dates requested were August 21st and August 28th. Norma made a motion, seconded by Alfred to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Granite Markers- Randalls Mill marker is ready to install. After a brief discussion it was decided that due to the problem of getting the help of the DPW we will hire a contractor to dig the hole to prepare the site. Judith will contact a contractor to accomplish this. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Alfred to set

aside \$250.00 to pay the contractor to dig the hole for the granite marker. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Daniel Webster Law Office. Otis reports that the Clancy Construction Co. will be installing the granite to the foundation in the coming week. When that's done the building can be moved. May have to wait a short time until the ground is not so wet. Should be completed in a month or so. Brief discussion on the project.

Community Preservation projects- Michelle reports that the following projects will be submitted to Town Meeting at the end of the month:

Daniel Webster School Playground

Boardwalk in Brant Rock at Harbor Park

Transfer of old record books in Town Clerks office dating back 300 years to digital. It was noted these records are used often in old court cases like the Rexhame Beach dispute.

Restoration and preservation of old pictures given to the Historical Society.

Marshfield Hills Cemetery Restoration

Winslow Schoolhouse restoration

Trails and Kayak ramp on the Pratt Property.

Winslow House restoration and Pratt house restoration put on hold for now.

Historic Pamphlet- Copy has been finalized and is almost ready for the printer. One more marker to check at Blackmans Point then Michelle will send it to the printer. The new brochure will have similar color to the original. Judith questioned why Adelaide Phillips is even on the brochure. She reasoned that she was a celebrity but not a historical figure. Brief discussion on Adelaide Phillips. It was decided to leave her in.

Blacksmith Shop- Jim Fitzgerald was present. He explained that the Blacksmith Shop (hereafter BS) is owned by the Town, sits on the property of the Winslow

House and is operated by the Historical Society. He explained what he does there. He acts as the blacksmith, doing educational programs for school classes, scouts and special events. It is a colonial building that used to be a summer kitchen near the airport and was moved there in the 1960's. The building is in need of replacement/restoration due to the infestation of post borer beetles. He is working with Tom Whelan to get estimates for the work to be done. He has been approached by a private company, Plymouth Craft, who would like to rent the building for blacksmith classes. Jim and the Historical Society do not feel this is a good idea because of the liability and the condition of the building. There was a discussion on whether or not the Town can rent any of their property for a private companies gain. After the discussion Norma made a motion, seconded by Alfred, that we could not rent the BS for commercial purposes because it's against the law. It was voted and passed, unanimously. There was a brief discussion on the replacement of the BS while using part of the original building to comply with historical requirements.

Announcements- Otis reports the 1688 house we saved up at 1332 Union Street is being worked on by Historic Homes Inc., out of New Hampshire.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Next meeting will be May 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins

Secretary.