

# MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

## Meeting of April 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in the lunch room at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Jim O'Gara, Robert Dougherty, Brendan Coyne, Cindy Castro, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Permit Application- 79 Ashburton Avenue- Alfred reviewed. This house has never been winterized and has no foundation to speak of. He could find no indication of historical significance. House to be replaced with another single family home. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim 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.

Demo permit- 72 Bay Avenue- Alfred reviewed. Owner present- house needs to be raised 7 feet due to FEMA flood plans and cost is prohibitive to restore present structure. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim 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.

Demo permit – 25 Idyl Wilde Circle- This demolition request is to cover the breezeway and garage only. House to remain as is. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim that this breezeway and garage have no historical significance to the Town and we have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demo permit- 760 Webster Street- Alfred reports that part of this building dates back to 1860 and was the original South School. On checking with our Town Historians book he found that it said that inside the walls of this structure the slate blackboards still remain today. Alfred suggested that we condition our approval on the owner's permission to allow us access to the building before demolition to find and rescue any significant artifacts from the school.

Brief discussion followed and we discussed the possibility of giving the slate blackboards, if they are found, to the Historical Society for use in the present day South School. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Michelle, that this building no longer has any historical

significance to the Town and with our condition that we be allowed access to the building before demolition we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit.

Alfred reports back to the Commission that public hearing for the property at 410 Union Street has been scheduled for May 2. The agent for the owner, Richard Murphy, has been sent notification of the fees due for advertising which came to \$189.72. He has until April 12<sup>th</sup> to remit this amount to the Town and then Alfred can send out the notices to abutters and place ads.

Secretary's report. The minutes of the meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. After review Jim made a motion, seconded by Robert that the minutes be approved as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- \$1052. Left in the budget. Otis explained that we are responsible for upkeep of the flag on the Training Green. It needs replacement. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Robert that we expend \$250.00 to replace the flag. It was voted and passed. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Brendan that we set aside \$250.00 to cover the costs of the Granite Marker booklets. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Discussion on the bronze plaque that needs to be made to mark the hand dug well found at the Webster estate. The cost will be covered by the already allocated funds. It will read "This 18<sup>th</sup> Century hand dug well was uncovered during restoration of Daniel Webster's Law Office. Marshfield Historical Commission 2016" The plaque will be 12" tall and 18" wide. Norma is to get estimates and report back. Brief discussion on the well project including the cover and landscaping.

Winslow Collection- This collection are artifacts recovered from a dig at the site of the original Winslow House off Perryn Way. They are on loan from this commission to Plymouth Plantation Museum where they are being well taken care of. Michelle gave us a presentation, along with pictures of the collection which included over 40 boxes of artifacts including shards of pottery, hardware, and animal bones. They have requested that we make a permanent gift of these artifacts to the Museum. Michelle concurs. After discussion Otis made a motion, seconded by Norma that we donate the collection to the Museum as we have no place to properly care for and display these items. It was voted and passed. Michelle is to draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. She will sent it to Otis for his approval and he will send it on.

Announcements- Adelaide Way- Otis reports letter received from the Planning Board voicing their objections to some of the work being done there. Brief discussion.

Marsha Thomas House- Otis reports there was a water leak at the Marsha Thomas House and some of our material stored there was damaged. After Norma and Alfred reviewed the damage it appeared most had been dried out and was salvaged. There were about a dozen old books that were stored in the freezer to keep them from getting moldy. Dorothy MacMullen reports back that their insurance will cover the damage and she will see to the restoration.

Letter of thanks received and read from the Marshfield Fair for the granite marker we gave them to mark their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Dedication will be on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. They will send us all tickets to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Next meeting will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Hearing Room 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary.