

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of July 5th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Michelle Campion, Brendan Coyne and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Applications - Highland and Spring Sts. - Barn to be demolished. Owner Rick Verni present. Barn estimated at 200 years old. Report from appraiser of Mr. Verni's estimates barn build 1860 – 1880 judging by construction and materials used. Heavy inspect damage throughout up into the second floor. Alfred reviewed. Part of siding is novelty siding and part shingles. Mr. Verni reports that some of the lumber and other materials will be used in the home to be constructed there which will resemble the present barn in structure. Alfred has researched this property and while the house is much older, dating to back into the 1700's, this barn is not so old and actually has no historical significance. After review Michelle made a motion, seconded by Alfred that this barn 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.

113 Union Street- Alfred reviewed. The original house is dated in the Towns records at 260 years old. Owners Mr. & Mrs. Laudermilk were present. Alfred found that this house is in very poor condition. Foundation is failing. The owners report that the original house was a small one room building and it has been added onto many times over its lifetime. A builder who was hired by the owners told them to restore this building would be cost prohibitive as it would have to be brought up to present building codes. Owners also report they have not been able to find any historical significance to this house. Alfred research owners back as far as possible and found the same. After review Michelle made a motion, seconded by Alfred that this building 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.

174 Quincy Avenue- This house has been totally destroyed inside by a fire. After review Alfred made a motion that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we would no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

74 Keene Rd- This house is located in a flood zone. It is being purchased by the Town with the assistance of a grant from the Open Space FEMA program to prevent further claims from flooding. Flood waters are known to cover four feet of this house. After review Michelle made a motion, seconded by Alfred that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection of the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Secretary's report- The minutes of the meeting of June 6th were reviewed. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Brendan that the minutes be accepted as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Start of new fiscal year. \$1052. Left in last year's budget was given to the contractor restoring the Law Office. Job went over budget due to damage found while restoring the siding.

Daniel Webster's Law Office- The bronze plaque on the outside needed restoration. We received estimates for the job from Campello Brass Works in Brockton for \$650.00 and Norwood Monument Works for \$310.00 it was decided to have Norwood do the job. Alfred made a motion, seconded by Michelle to set aside \$310.00 to have the plaque restored. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

As soon as the contractor is finish the only thing left to do will be to paint the floor. There are plans to plan it painted by Barbara Carney, along with Norma and Michelle offered to help.

Chimney Cap- Needed because rain coming into the chimney is resting on the floor of the law office. It needs to be sealed up. We had an estimate from Chris Ionta for \$375.00 but Otis reports the man who made the chimney will seal it for \$150. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Brendan to set aside \$150.00 to have the chimney capped.

Plaque at Webster's well. Two estimates received for a plaque to read "This 18th century hand dug well was uncovered during restoration of Daniel Webster's Law Office. Marshfield Historical Commission 2016"

The price for a bronze plaque was \$845.00 the price from Swenson Granite was \$770. After discussion it was decided to go with the granite and remove the phrase "Marshfield Historical Commission" reducing the cost. Michelle is going to check with the original CPC request and see if that cost was included.

Announcements- Michelle asked if we had heard back from the Board of Selectmen regarding the Winslow Collection at Plymouth Plantation. Otis reports we have not. The request would have to be clearing with Town Counsel first.

Alfred reports he is to meet with John Mikala about the Concord Coach upkeep in the next week or two.

Meeting adjourned 7:10PM. Next meeting August 1st.

Respectfully submitted:

Norma Haskins, Secretary