

## Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

### Meeting of November 7, 2017

Meeting called to order in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Cindy Castro, Jim O’Gara, Alfred Almeida, Brendan Coyne and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Permit Application- 31 Bradley Street. Owner Mr. Young present. Alfred reviewed. Mr. Young plans to demo and replace, bringing the structure up to code. 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- 65 Monitor Rd- Contractor Nick Garafalo present. House is located inland from Surf Ave and sits in a flood zone. Plans are to demolish and replace with another home above the flood zone. Present house is in poor condition. 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- 1180 Ferry Street- Alfred reviewed. House sits on the river’s edge and it needs updating. Needs to be raised above the flood zone. Plans are to demo and replace. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Cindy, 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, 333 Plymouth Avenue. Alfred reports this house is in terrible condition and cannot be saved. However he has not been able to confirm ownership. He made a motion, seconded by Brendan, that pending resolution of ownership being established that this house has no historical significance to the Town. As soon as ownership has been confirmed the Building Inspector can issue a demolition permit and we will send a letter to the owner. Cindy is concerned about the ownership problem. She believes we should wait to vote until ownership has been confirmed. Alfred said he did not want to hold the project up for another month due to winter coming on. It was decided to vote and this was voted and passed, 4 approved and Cindy disapproved.

Secretary’s Report- After review of the minutes of the meeting of October 3<sup>rd</sup> Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- Brendan reviewed bills received and pending. Balance left in our annual budget of \$1959.00.

South Grammar School- Plans reviewed for plans from Neighborhood Works for the building including a new office for the Commission.

Pratt Property- Cindy sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen by the Marshfield Fair asking for the barn. They are applying to CPC for funding to have it moved to the fairgrounds and restoration of the area where it sits now.

Law Office- Otis reports work has been started on the well site. The landscaping should be completed this month and the hydro seed will be guaranteed by the contractor. We should have green grass in the spring. We discussed the Windsor Birdcage Armchair given to us by the Hood Museum. This chair sat in Webster's Law Office in Boston. Norma spoke of the options we have for this chair which is deteriorating. We can leave it as it is and display it, or we can have it reupholstered in a similar fabric, or we can send it to a company in Boston who will save the fabric which is on it now, reupholster it and then return the tattered fabric to the chair.

After speaking with the Massachusetts Historical Society they often will have chairs reupholstered. If we want to save the fabric it wears now she recommended that company in Boston. She said they are very expensive. Craig Textiles in Rockland has been recommended for reupholstering. They have quoted us a fee of \$650.00 plus fabric to do the chair. There was a brief discussion and it was decided to set aside \$750.00 to have the chair reupholstered.

Otis said there is still the matter of the window in the back which is not secure. We will work on finding a carpenter to do the repair.

Concord Coach- Alfred reports that he has been unable to find someone to work on the coach. He and Elsie cleaned the inside and wiped down the outside. It is ready to put up for the winter. Otis said he would contact the Hood Museum in Dartmouth College and see if they can recommend someone as they have a Concord Coach. Alfred said this coach really needs to be kept in a temperature controlled building to preserve it. It is plagued with mold and often damaged by mice. It needs to be covered to keep out the dust and dirt. Brief discussion on the coach and its care.

Jim O'Gara is also a member of the Library Trustees. He said they are looking for some old Marshfield Maps to have framed and posted on the wall in their new conference room. It was agreed that Norma will look thru our map case and pick several and have them copied for the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary

Next meeting 12/5/17

