

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of February 6, 2018

Meeting called to order in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall at 6:30PM. Attending were Otis Carney, Cindy Castro, Jim O’Gara, Brendan Coyne, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

The Secretary’s report- The minutes of the meeting of January 2nd were reviewed. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed. Brendan and Jim abstaining as they were not there.

Treasurers Report- Brendan reports there is \$704. Left in this year’s budget. Still pending and as yet unpaid are Chimney cap for law office, movers for Dan’s furniture for the law office, window repairs in law office, and spring maintenance for the Concord Coach.

We briefly discussed a chair in storage for the law office that needs to be reupholstered. It was decided to get an estimate for this project.

Demolition- 32 Grasshopper Lane - Otis reviewed. This is a small cottage in Rexhame which has no historical significance to the Town. After review Norma 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.

Law Office: It was decided to plan on moving the furniture in April when winter should be gone and weather is better.

Otis reports the rededication ceremony will have to be moved to August. The sub/committee for this ceremony will next meet on March 13th. Jim Cantwell has agreed to be Master of Ceremonies. Some of the things in the works are invitations to all the retired commission members and the town historian, and also programs to be finalized and printed.

Docents for Law Office: Otis reports he has almost completed the materials which will be available for docents. They will be left in the law office.

Webster Landscaping agreement. Otis is working with the Webster Trust to reach an agreement on the landscaping for the house and law office grounds.

Announcements:

Michelle reports Plymouth Plantation is still waiting for a reply from the Board of Selectmen regarding materials they have which we would like to give to them which belong to the Town. Michelle will contact the Office and get it put on the agenda in hopes to hurry it along. It's been months since we asked them to approve.

Michelle also reports the booklets they are working on for the granite markers is almost complete. They hope to have everything ready for booklets just after July 1st.

Cindy reports there will be a subcommittee meeting for the 2020 celebration on April 8th at noon at the Marsha Thomas House.

We received a request for comments on the installation of a cell tower in Brant Rock. The materials they sent us to review were very confusing. Address did not match maps. Otis to contact the sender and get more information before we review.

Cindy updated us on the status of the Pratt family barn which we recommended to be given to the Marshfield Fair. There has been no reply for Mr. Maresco to his letter asking for status. Leonard LaForest, president of the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society then contacted Mr. Maresco by phone and he was told that the fair could have the barn but the Town would not be able to give them funds to move it. Michelle reports that the CPC could not approve funds for the move until the ownership of the barn was changed. We had a brief discussion on this subject.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Next Meeting March 6th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary