

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 17, 2018

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

Secretary’s Report and Treasurers Report postponed till the next meeting.

172 South River St- The Town has requested a demolition permit for the house at 172 So River Street. This house has a restriction on it voted by the Commission due to its historical significance to the Town. The building inspector met with Police and Town Administrator and determined that this building is no longer safe and needs to be demolished. After review Norma made a motion, seconded by Jim that The Commission shall lift the restriction on demolition for the house only at 172 South River Street commonly referred to as “the Pratt House”. We do this at the request of the Town. Brief discussion. Tom Whelan described how some of the damage got there. Alfred is concerned that the letter of the by-law be adhered to. Alfred made an amendment to the motion, adding “The major reason for the application is the danger that comes from not being able to keep people out of the building and risking anyone getting hurt causing a lawsuit” The amendment was seconded by Jim. The motion with amendment was voted and passed, unanimously. This vote leaves the fate of the barn in the hands of the Selectmen while we are in hopes the Marshfield Fair will be able to raise the funds necessary to move it to the Fairgrounds.

Budget FY19- Otis explained to all that the Town had cut our annual budget by \$900.00. He met with Mr. Maresco and has learned that our original amount will be restored. He explained what we have for plans that will require our entire budget.

Brief discussion of the status of the South Grammar School. Mr. Maresco joined us and answered some questions we had regarding negotiations. The Town is considering selling the property to a developer who will convert it into housing for veterans, hopefully making a space for our commission in the building.

Norma advises that we have yet to order the stantions for the law office which is to open on June 3rd. She has researched availability and found the cost to be approximately \$150.00. She made a motion to set aside \$150.00 to purchase these stantions. It was seconded by Jim. Voted and passed unanimously.

Communication received from the Congregational Church regarding their Church Fair. They made an error in the dates they would like the use of the Training Green and therefore would like to reserve the green for July 12th to 15th. The change was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Next meeting May 1st in Hearing Room 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary