

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 3rd, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Jim O’Gara, Cindy Castro and Norma Haskins.

Demolitions- 175 Elm St. Otis Reports an application received for demolition of the house at 175 Elm St. It was in the name of the new owner. He has been advised that we have already heard this and approved it.

410 Union St-Otis reports that property has finally been sold. We are all in hopes this historic old home will be restored.

Secretary’s report- Minutes of the meeting of February 6th were reviewed. After no changes were made Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jim to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- Brendan was absent but sent an updated report. He reports there still has been no vendor located for the cleaning of the Concord Coach.

Otis reports the Training Green is in need of a new flag. Winter had taken its toll on the present flag. Norma made a motion, seconded by Jim to set aside \$200.00 to purchase a new flag for the Training Green. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Webster’s Law Office - Furniture - Norma reports the movers will be moving the furniture on April 10th. Cindy agreed to open up the Marsha Thomas House for us to get our stuff.

Chair- There is a single chair left to reupholster. A search was made for the proper fabric, hoping to replace over 100 year old fabric on it now. Norma was able to locate a suitable fabric and made a motion for \$245.85 to be set aside to pay for the fabric. Motion seconded by Otis. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Norma showed a sample of the fabric to be used. Chair to be done late in June.

Clock- Otis reports the Duxbury Historical Society is making a permanent loan to us of a banjo clock once owned by Webster. There is no room in the house so it will be displayed in the Law Office.

Opening- We plan on opening the Law office to visitors on June 3rd. Cindy has offered to help Norma get things ready, moving all the items from storage to the law office before that date.

April 8th- There will be a meeting of the 400th Committee at the Marsha Thomas House at noon. Norma and Otis will attend.

Training Green- There has been a request from the First Congregational Church for the use of the training Green from July 5th through July 8th for their Annual Church Fair. Norma made a motion, seconded by Cindy to allow this use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Announcements- Otis reports that a painting has been brought to his attention of "the Sayles Farm" which will be auctioned off soon. He was asked if he knew where it was. He referred the inquiry to Cynthia Krusell our Town Historian. Alfred and Norma both believe it maybe an early painting of the barn now referred to as the YWCA on Ferry Hill Road.

The Open Space Committee sent a request to us for Historical Significance of the YWCA barn. It came in too late to add to our agenda so Otis will respond to her. A brief discussion was held regarding this property which the Town will consider purchasing at Town Meeting later this month.

A brief discussion was held regarding the status of the Pratt property (barn). No decision has been made yet regarding the barn which we had hopes could be given to the Marshfield Fair to display their historic artifacts. Cindy reports there has been recent vandalism and she fears the buildings will be demolished soon.

Brief discussion of the report of the Charter Review Committee. Changes to be voted on at the upcoming Town Meeting.

Norma announced a call received from Hugh France. He would like us to add Wright Way and Abner Way to our list of street names and where they came from. He named these two streets into his subdivision after Abner Wright who was a one of a group of Marshfield Loyalists during the Revolutionary War.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 1st.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins

Secretary