

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of May 1, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:25PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Cindy Castro, Brendan Coyne, Jim O’Gara, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Secretary’s Report- The minutes of the meeting of April 3rd were reviewed. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jim that the minutes be accepted as prepared. It was voted and passed, Brendan and Michelle abstained as they were not present.

The minutes of the meeting of April 17th were reviewed. After review Jim made a motion, seconded by Otis that the minutes be accepted as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demolition Application – 5 Abby St. This demolition is for the deck only as it was badly damaged in a winter storm. Alfred reviewed. After review he made a motion, seconded by Michelle, that this deck 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 application- 193 South River St- This permit is for the barn only. Owner was present. He produced documentation that this structure is unsafe and cost to repair would be prohibitive. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Jim that this barn 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.

Treasurers Report- Brendan reports there is \$108. Remaining in our annual budget. Several encumbrances are still outstanding.

Otis reports he received a call from the Veterans agent that the new flag we just purchased for the Training Green is already torn. Otis will contact the flag company and see if they will replace it.

Daniel Westers Law Office Update- Norma reports all the furniture has been moved to the law office and arranged. Still a lot of papers, pictures, books and small items to be moved. A discussion was held on what to put back in the law office and what would be better preserved in the Marsha Thomas House where it is climate controlled. It was suggested some of our duplicate issues of books and pamphlets would be of more use to the Town if it were sent to the History Room at the Ventress Library. That has open hours and would be of use to researchers. Some of the items might even enhance the history room at the Webster Estate.

August 19th- Date of the Rededication of the law office. Otis would like to appoint a subcommittee to work on plans for this celebration. It was decided that Otis, Norma, Michelle and Cindy will meet on May 12th to discuss.

Otis asked if the Board of Selectmen had made any decision as to the materials that are at Plymouth Plantation about the Winslow family. Michelle said they had not responded to several requests for such. She said the Plantation has applied for a grant to do work on these materials and they cannot submit the application until the materials are given over to them. They only have until the end of May so time is of the essence. Cindy agreed to speak with their secretary regarding getting on the agenda.

Otis mentioned that soon we'll be ordering a bronze plaque for the well at the estate. We are in need of a large boulder to mount it on. Cindy suggested she has a lot of large boulders at Rexhame beach. Otis agreed to go and pick out one for use and Cindy can get it moved.

Michelle reports she needs some help getting the last of the markers photographed for the booklets she is working on.

South Grammar School- Town Meeting agreed to proceed with South Grammar School project to have it made over into housing for 8 veterans. Also included in the plans will be an office for the Historical Commission. Jack Mather has prepared a history of the building which he showed to Otis. Cindy agreed to ask him if we could have a copy.

Brief discussion on the new historic group working on replacing signs for all the historic shipyards along the North River. Otis mentioned a tour he went on where

the tour guide explained where the shipyards were and thought Cindy might be interested as she is on the new committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 6th in Hearing Room 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary