

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of July 10th, 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 and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Applications- 1185 Ferry Street- Alfred reviewed. Owner present. Alfred confirmed ownership. Building is a cottage built in 1928. Cost to restore and bring up to code far outweighs the value of the house. Owner would like to replace with a single family home raised above the flood stage. 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.

Demolition – 104 West Street. Alfred confirmed ownership. This house was built in 1946. To be replaced with a single family home. 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.

Demolition – 485 Pleasant St. Alfred reviewed and ownership confirmed. This building was built in 1890. Cindy explained that it is believed that parts of this building used to be the railroad station on Summer St. She felt probably the railroad station was demolished and some of the wood was used to construct this house. It is in a state of disrepair now and cannot be restored. 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.

Secretary’s report. = The minutes of the meeting of June 7th have been reviewed. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Brendan, to accept the minutes, as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- The new budget year has begun. Our budget was cut significantly. Otis explained that he has met with Mr. Maresco who has assured him that when our budget is all spent he will see our funds taken away are replaced.

August Celebration- The invitations are being printed. Otis has already sent written invitations to prominent legislators and guests. If anyone on the Commission has anyone they would like to add to the guest list please advise Norma ASAP. Brendan made a motion, seconded by Norma, to set aside \$125.00 to cover the cost of the invitations. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Otis mentioned that the Webster Trust is going to purchase bunting for the celebration. He will see if the DPW can send someone to install them.

He has also discussed lawn care at the law office with the Trust and they are not willing to have their lawn care people do it. So a lawn mower has been donated for that purpose and Barbara Carney is mowing the lawn for us.

Jim O-Gara advised us of the Webster artifacts that are in the History room at Ventress Library. The clock has been appraised at \$30,000.00. Other items were also appraised and Norma suggested the Town's insurance carrier should be advised. He explained that they already were told.

Norma advised that the last chair to be reupholstered is on it's way on Friday. The estimated cost to finish was \$795.00. She made a motion, seconded by Jim, to set aside \$795. To cover the cost of the chair. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

The estimate for the bronze plaque to explain the old well found next to the law office came in at \$492.00. She will order the plaque. She made a motion, seconded by Brendan to set aside \$492.00 to cover the cost of the plaque. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Cindy has seen to the installation of a large boulder to mount it on.

First Congregational Church- Mr. Richard Taylor was present representing the Church. He asked that we add the Church to the agenda for the next meeting so they may discuss with us the possibility of the Commission endorsement for their fund raiser for work to be done at their historic church.

Announcement- Norma announced of the donation of a framed Wallace Nutting print made by Mrs. Lynda Sheil to the Commission. Norma advised that the subject of the print was appropriate and if we could not find a home for it in one of our historic buildings she could pass it on to another local historic building.

Otis and Cindy explained the upcoming October 7th festivities in our Historic community. Similar to past Yesterdays celebrations this will cover a lot of venues in Town and we hope many will attend and enjoy. More to follow.

Next meeting will be August 7th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary