

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of January 8th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6: 30PM in the lunch room at the Town Hall. Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Cindy Castro, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application – 1 Macomber's Ridge- Brian Maxwell, Contractor was present. Alfred reviewed. The plans are to remove an ell on the back of the house that was added to the original structure and replace it with much the same size reconstruction. Property is owned by a Trust and the trustee lives in Annapolis. Original house built in 1802 by Herbert Macomber, relative of one of our founding fathers. The original Macomber house sits on the corner of Summer and Damon's Point Dr. Herbert was active in local politics. Contractor reports he will be using approximately 75% of the old lumber in the new construction. Everything that is salvageable. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Cindy that we have approved the demolition of the ell with the condition that no demolition is to be done to the original house. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demolition application, 133 Meadowview St. - Atty. Steven Guard was there to represent the owner. He explained that this property has been vacate for many, many years and belongs to a family of descendants of the original owners. This property has fallen into serious disrepair and cannot be saved. He said plans are in the works for a single family home with a clearing of all the invasive plants between the house and the river with new landscaping installed to enhance the seaside atmosphere. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Michelle that the 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 December 4th were reviewed. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Otis, to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- tabled for the next meeting.

Marcia Thomas House – Records- Otis reports all our records have been removed from the South Grammar school and stored at the Marcia Thomas House.

Cherry Hill Marker- Discussion- Cindy has located a picture of the original marker which was lost in the records at the Marcia Thomas House. Norma will go the Swenson Granite and get an estimate to replace it.

Marker Inventory- Michelle still working of this project. Still looking for Cobblers Corner marker. Alfred suggested looking in the area of Willow Street as this is where there were several cobblers doing business according the our history book.

Hatch Mill Plans- Cindy has joined that committee. She reports that plans are under way to dredge the pond next to the mill in order to power up the mill when it's completed. They still need to get the permits from the Conservation Commission. They have an offer of an operator to do the job and a person who will take the debris. Still working on getting a piece of equipment for the job. She will keep us posted on progress as it proceeds.

Michelle reports that the library is working on digitalizing all their records in the history room at Ventress Library. She asked is we might be interested in using CPC funds to digitalize our records as well. We would need to purchase a scanner to accomplish this. Brief discussion on this project. Matter was left for further discussion at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM

Next meeting will be February 5th in Hearing Room 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary