

## Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall.

Attending were Otis Carney, Alfred Almeida, Cindy Castro, Brendan Coyne and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application- 205 Bay Avenue- Alfred reviewed. This is a cottage built in 1920. It is not historical and in poor condition. Needs to be raised and restored which is cost prohibitive. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Cindy, that this building 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.

Training Green requests- The First Congregationalist Church has requested the use of the Training Green for its annual Church Fair on June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. It was voted and passed to allow the use.

The Marshfield Farmers Market has requested the use of the Training Green for the Farmers Market on July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 16 and August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was also voted and passed.

Secretary's Report- The minutes of the meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> have been reviewed. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Alfred to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Guest Janet Peterson was present to ask the Commission to support efforts to request that the Two Mile area of Marshfield be included on the National Register of Historic places. There was a brief discussion and Cindy suggested we apply to the CPC for funds to hire a professional to help with that project.

Treasurers Report- No change since last month.

Webster Letters- Brendan reported on his project and his unsuccessful efforts to reach Bill Last Jr. regarding the website where these letters can be found so we can get the rest of the letters. He is hoping to have them all contained in a booklet to be available for those interested in reading them. Cindy made a

motion, seconded by Alfred to set aside \$100.00 for this project. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Announcements- Cindy reports Mr. Maresco has found another Town Flag in the attic of Town Hall. It has been soiled by leaking roof. He will have it cleaned and give it to the Commission.

Otis reports Alfred is retiring at the end of June. It was decided to appoint a committee to do the demolition work he has been doing. Brendan, Cindy and Norma will work together to get this job done. Alfred will instruct them and be available for a while to answer questions.

Granite Marker catalog- discussion moved to next month when Michelle will be back.

7:00PM Public Hearing on 27 Duck Hill Lane demolition. Owner present.

Alfred reports notices have been sent to all abutters. 3 emails have been received from a previous owner's family who are concerned that this historic home is to be demolished. Owner reports that this house is not in compliance with local zoning by-laws concerning septic and well water issues. The house is unstable and trying to lift it to replace the foundation or try to move it back on the lot will cause it to collapse. There was a discussion on the work to be done and what parts of the old structure he would salvage for use in the new home. The owner explained the deficiencies that are forcing him to demolish. This house was built in 1690 and is the oldest continually lived in structure in Marshfield. Sara Prouty was present and concerned about the demolition of this historic property. Mr. Randy Adams was also present and after hearing the explanation approved of the owners request.

After review Otis made a motion that the Historical Commission is aware that the owner has done everything to maintain the house. The Commission recognizes the historical significance of this house but will allow the demolition to proceed. We wish the owners of the property the best in hopes he can salvage what needs to be salvaged. Brendan seconded the motion and it was voted and passed. The owner will notify the Commission when demolition is to begin and is willing to donate some pieces to the Commission.

Return to meeting- Brendan brought up the Cherry Hill Marker- It was decided to order the marker. Norma made a motion, seconded by Cindy to set aside \$1300.00 to pay for the Marker. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Cindy advises that the Airport has a display in their lobby on the dig that was done there in years past. It is quite interesting and the Historical Society is going to do a program there in May.

Cindy told us she found a very old newspaper from 1855 describing the selling off of parcels from Webster's estate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Next meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>. 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary