

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of June 4, 2019

Meeting called to order in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall at 6:30PM. Attending were Otis Carney, Cindy Castro, Alfred Almeida, Brendan Coyne, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Otis advised that our prospective new member was unable to attend. We are short of members and need at least two or three members, both regular and associate members.

Secretary's Report – After review of the minutes of the meeting of May 7th Alfred made a motion, seconded by Cindy to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report- Brendan reports we have \$64.00 left in our budget which is available only until the end of the month.

Demolition Applications: Otis took a few minutes before we proceeded to thank Alfred for his 12 years of service to the Historical Commission as this is his last meeting. He said his work on the demolition delay by-law has set a procedure in place for us to follow and his record keeping has been extraordinary. He commented on three historical homes which have been saved from demolition including the Bisbee house on Union Street, the Habel house on Willow Street and the Hatch House also on Union Street. Brendan also thanked him for all his dedication to the history of Marshfield.

341 Plymouth Avenue- Alfred reviewed. This small cottage is in very poor condition and has no foundation, sits on the dirt. It is in a wet area with marsh grass growing around it. After review Alfred made a motion, seconded by Michelle, 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.

24 Oregon Rd- Alfred advises that the owner wants to remove a porch from the house and add an addition. The building department has determined that there will be no need for us to be involved in this project.

328 Ocean Street- This home was badly damaged by storm as it sits right on the sea wall in Brant Rock. The entire back of the house is gone. The building department has determined that this house is a danger to the public and must be removed. There is a clause in the demolition delay by-law which exempts these cases and our approval is not necessary.

Brendan reports that the old Cherry Hill granite marker has been found. It is broken and we feel this may be the cause of it being removed from the site in the first place. Discussion followed and we may be able to restore part of it. It would be a good addition to the kiosk area at Cherry

Hill with an arrow pointing to the trail to the new marker. Brendan will see to the cleaning and reinstallation. The new Cherry Hill marker and sign with a quote from a portion of his speech have been installed.

Discussion followed regarding possible markers for inclusion in a CPC request for the fall.

Suggestions include

- a. Replace the lost Cobblers Corner marker for Willow St.
- b. New marker to indicate King Philips Rock on Oak Street
- c. Replace Hatch Mill Marker
- d. New marker for Brant Rock to remember the Blizzard of 1978.

Norma to put together possible script for each marker for discussion at the next meeting.

Training Green- Otis requested our approval for the use of the training green for the Cub Scouts for May 23rd. Mr. Maresco requested this too late for our last meeting. It was approved.

Discussion followed of a hand written letter from Daniel Webster dated Nov. 1, 1831 to Charles H. Tomas. It was found wrapped in paper towels in the law office. It has been transcribed and added to our new booklets. Question was what to do with the original. It needs to be conserved. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Cindy that we take the letter to the Library Director and ask if they would include it in their work to restoration project of old papers and books in the history room. It was voted and passed. Norma to proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Next meeting is July 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Haskins, Secretary