

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of July 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall.

Attending were Otis Carney, Cindy Castro, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Granite Markers- Norma reports that she has spoken to Town Historian Cynthia Krusell and learned that there never was a marker at Cobblers Corner. In fact she is not sure where that marker would be. The only place she was aware of cobblers being was at the corner of Old Ocean & Cross Streets and she was sure there was never a marker there. As to King Philips Rock, she confirmed Norma's research that there were many King Philips Rocks around Massachusetts and Rhode Island, primarily in the Taunton area and south into Rhode Island. The rock here in Marshfield was reported to us by a resident as being a King Philips Rock has never been proven. Cynthia felt there should be a marker to remember the old hotels in the area which were vacation spots for the Boston area people in the summer. Cindy mentioned that the hotels were already mentioned on a marker in Brant Rock at the Chapel.

On discussion of the possibility of a marker to remember the Blizzard of 1978. A script has been suggested and we discussed the possibility of making the marker an obelisk shape to be able to mark the level the ocean had flooded the esplanade during that blizzard. It was thought that this marker could be placed on the greenway in the esplanade. Norma to check with Swenson and get some ideas and prices for this marker. She will have a text ready for the next meeting to vote on.

On the Hatch Mill marker the text was discussed and some revisions made. Norma will have the final text prepared for the next meeting.

Cindy has agreed to research the possibility and possible text for a marker for the Pratt property at South River and Willow Streets.

Brief discussion of docent duties at the Law Office.

Otis reminded us that we are short members of the commission and members should try to encourage residents interested in our history to apply.

We reviewed a letter received from Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding the house at 687 Union St. The owner requested it be included in the list of historic homes. They have rejected this house for inclusion in the list of historical homes because of renovations made that have significantly changed the historical parts of the home.

Secretary's Report- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Otis to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 4th as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Next Meeting is August 6th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary