

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of October 1, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM in the Planning Board Office. Attending were Otis Carney, Cindy Castro, Brendan Coyne, Michelle Campion, Kathy Sullivan and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application – 100 Marginal St- Owners present. Cindy reports she was unable to find any historical significance to this house. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy 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 - 4 Bay Street- Cindy reports she was unable to find any historical significance for this house. She made a motion, seconded by Brendan 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- 119 South River St- Cindy also could not find any historical significance for this house. She made a motion, seconded by Kathy 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 8/6/19 were reviewed. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Otis to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed. Kathy abstained as she was not a member at that time.

Law Office- Norma reports that she has had 22 holes repaired from woodpecker damage and installed aluminum foil deterrents to try and solve that problem. She has also used \$10.00 from monies collected in the donations jar to purchase a sweep and installed it on the door to prevent debris from blowing in under the door. In the last 2 seasons we have collected \$38.00 in donations.

GAR Hall- Anne Burbank and Sue Sheehan met with us to ask our support for their request from CPA funds to restore and repair the GAR Hall. This is a town owned historical property that is leased to the North River Arts Society. They report the foundation is in dire need of repair/replacement and the windows and doors also need replacement or repair. They have requested \$165,000.00 for this project. Otis advised they how they may proceed getting a contractor to avoid the problems we had with the contractor we were forced to use for the Law Office project. After discussion Michelle made a motion, seconded by Cindy to draft a letter in support of NRAS CPC application for restoration fund for the GAR Hall. It was voted and approved unanimously. Michelle to draft the letter and send it to the Commission before sending to CPC.

There was a brief discussion on the placement of the proposed marker in Brant Rock to remember the Blizzard of 1978.

Cindy suggested future markers could be considered for the Train Station at the Marshfield Fair, The Rexicana Ballroom and the Center Marshfield Railroad Station.

She reminded us all of the Explore Marshfield this coming weekend. Friday there is the Farmers Market and the history room at the Marshfield Fair will be open. Saturday Ventress Library is hosting programs and game for children. Sunday all local historical sites will be open 1PM to 4PM including Hatch Mill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Next Meeting will be November 5th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary