

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Cindy Castro, Michelle Campion, Kathy Sullivan, Karen Biagini, Brendan Coyle and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application- 31 Puritan St. - Owners Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester were present. They showed us the plans for the new home they plan on building. Cindy advised that she could find not historical significance for this property. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Michelle that this house had 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 January 7th have been reviewed. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy, to accept the minutes of the meeting as prepared. It was voted and passed. Brendan abstained as he was not at that meeting.

Treasurers Report- Brendan reports there is still \$3,450. Left in our FY budget.

Cindy reports she found a Daniel Webster related stoneware 18th century jug going up for auction this coming weekend. She is going to do some research and see if she can verify some provenance for the jug. It is signed D. Webster. We discussed whether we should try to get it for our collection. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Kathy, to set aside \$400.00 plus 20% buyer's fee to purchase the jug. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Cindy reviewed the wording for the granite markers we are planning for this year. The Rexicana, Pratt property, Green Light Tea Room and the Marshfield Fair Train stop.

Demolition Delay By-Law- Tom Whelan was present with his ideas for a Standard Operation Procedures for enforcement of the by-law. This will assist us to enforce the by-law and set a procedure for others who may follow after us. He provided an outline for us to consider. We discussed questions that could be included with the application for the applicant to compete and submit with his application. Some of the items in the procedure may have a cost

associated and we should come up with a fee schedule. If we determine the building has historical significance an outside consultant can be used.

Tom suggested that houses in already determined Historical Districts could be added to our list of historically significant houses. Norma will prepare a list of houses in the Marshfield Hills Historic District for the next meeting. There was a discussion on whether the by-law covers property with no structure on it. Tom suggested it should be much more difficult for owners of houses in a Historic District to demolish their homes. We should have a policy in place for this occurrence.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM. Next Meeting 3/5/20 at 7PM

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Haskins, Secretary