

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of January 7, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7PM in Hearing Room 2 at the Town Hall. Attending were Cindy Castro, Michelle Campion, Kathy Sullivan and Norma Haskins. Also attending were Judith Freden, Robin Mitchell and Tom Whelan.

Demolition application – 111 Marginal St- Cindy reports she has confirmed ownership. This building was built around 1850 and this property was once owned by Daniel Webster. After review Michelle made a motion, seconded by Kathy that this cottage 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 - 689 Forest Street- Cindy has confirmed ownership and could find no historical significance. After review Norma 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- 84 Bay Avenue- Cindy reports that she has confirmed ownership. She also learned that this building has received extensive damage over the last two years from storm surge from the ocean. The owners have decided to demolish and build a new structure according to FEMA recommendations. After review Norma 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 our meeting of December 3rd were reviewed. After review Michele made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurer's report- Brendan was not present but sent a report that all the bills have been paid and we still have over \$3,000. In the budget for this year.

Judy Freden- Ms. Freden was present to address the plans from the Trails Committee to improve the rail trail behind her house. She advises that they plan to improve the trail from South River Street to Summer Street passing by her property. She would like to have the section behind her house from Station Street to Pinehurst Road, some 500 yards, declared historical by the Commission as it is part of the property where the railroad station once sat. She explained that very few use that part of the trail. We discussed whether we are authorized to make that declaration. Robin Mitchell commented on where the parking will be. The trails committee plans on making a parking area to the rear of Ms. Fredens property next to the power substation on town owned land. He suggested that the parking could be moved to the South edge of Pinehurst Road area rather than the substation area. Michelle explained that we

need to get Town Counsel's approval. Discussion of where the rail trail goes north from there which is nowhere. All the land north of Summer Street is now privately owned up to Damon's Point Road. Robin suggest we put a delay on the trails committees work until we have a chance to contact Town Counsel and vote. Cindy explained that the trails committee has already got funding through town meeting for this project. If there were questions they should have been addressed before. Judith spent some time explaining the decline of wildlife and the natural vegetation in the area due to development. It was agreed that we will contact the Town Administrator and Town Counsel and see if we can proclaim this one area historical and what declaring it historical will accomplish. Norma to keep Judith advised of any development in her request.

Demo Delay By-law- Tom Whelan present to discuss the possibility of making a change in the by-law. We had a discussion of possible amendments to the Bylaw. It was agreed we will study the present Bylaw and offer changes as needed. Cindy will have the Selectmen hold a space for us in the annual Town Meeting and we will supply the actual wording at a later date. It was suggested we should prepare guidelines for demolition applicants and have them available at the building inspector's office.

Granite markers. Cindy discussed the possibility for markers at the Rail Trail, the Rexicana, and 272 Summer Street in addition to the other three we already have slated for 2020. She is to send Norma the proposed text and Norma to get some quotes for them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Next meeting February 4th at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary