

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of March 5th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM in Hearing Room 3 at the Town Hall. Attending were Cindy Castro, Kathy Sullivan, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Applications- 215 Canal St- Mike Delaney, owner was present. Cindy reviewed. Cottage sits on the ground. After review Cindy 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.

Demo- 211 Spring St- Real Estate agent present, representing the owner. Ownership confirmed. After review Cindy 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.

Demo- 22 Preston Terrace- Owner present. He explained the house is not stable inside. After review Cindy made a motion 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.

Demo- 71 Central St- Owner present- Cottage sits in the marsh. He showed us plans for the house he plans to put on that lot. After review Cindy 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.

Demo-99 Nevada St- Owner present- He explained the foundation is crumbling. He's planning on replacing with a larger house with in-law accommodations. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy, that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we would no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demo- 83 Ocean St- Cindy learned that this house has had repeated storm damage problems and needs to be replaced. After review 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.

Demo- So. Grammar School- 2020 & 2033 Ocean St- 2029 has already been demolished through a misunderstanding in the Building Inspectors office. The rear section of the Grammar school is left to be done. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy, that despite its historical significance to the Town we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit for only the back section of this building. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Secretary's Report- The minutes of the meeting of February 13th were reviewed. After review Kathy made a motion, seconded by Cindy to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers Report. – Postponed to the next meeting as Brendan is not present.

Training Green- Cindy reports an application for use of the Training Green for June 26th and 27th has been received from the Congregational Church for their annual church fair. This is an annual request. Michelle made a motion, seconded by Cindy to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Appointments- Two people have applied to the Board of Selectmen to join our Commission. They are Barbara Carney, and Emma Nee. Both seemed to be knowledgeable about history and would be good additions. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy to approve the appointment for both. Cindy to notify the Board of Selectmen.

Office Furniture- Kathy reports she has found a source of office furniture from an office in Pembroke that is clearing out. She and Cindy went to look at a lot that is available. We had a brief discussion on what we were looking for to furnish our new office.

Trails Committee- Appeared before us Greg Guimond, Kezia Bacon, and Angela Scieszka from the Trails Committee. They showed us their plans for kiosks to be installed at the following trails, Pratt Farm, Websters Wilderness and John Little Trail. They showed us new designs with information on each site such as size, habitats of local wildlife, location of each trail at site and points of interest. We reviewed the historical notes to confirm their accuracy. They feel their projects will be completed in six months.

Marshfield Hills Historic District- Norma explained and handed out her research. She has found that there are 86 homes in the district. Of that number 32 remain that are not already included in our local list of Historic Properties. Of that 32 17 have already been researched by our Town Historian Cynthia Krusell. Out of the remaining 15 seven were built after 1940 and out of those seven, six were built after 1950. She felt that it would be a mistake for us to make a blanket vote to include a large number onto our list. They should be done separately. She also felt we should be sure that all the homes already on our list and those already researched should have signs on the house signifying its historical significance. Cindy suggested she could get a group of people together to check each one and see if it's already marked. Norma suggested perhaps the high school shop class would like to make markers for those who are not done. We would have to get the homeowners permission first.

4 Graves Found- Cindy reports four graves have been found in the woods off Plain Street. The stones carry the names Lydia Tinkham, Curtis and Magoun. The search is underway by the Cemeteries Dept. to locate any living relatives. It may be that they may confirm any bodies buried there and reset the stones and fence it in. This is not something our Commission will be involved in. It was just a matter of informing us.

Demolition De-Lay By-Law- This discussion is postponed to the next meeting when all should be present.

Announcement- Cindy reports that the planning is underway for the 2020 Celebration. Mr. Maresco would like to do a Marshfield/Plymouth Celebration. It was decided to do a bus tour of our historical sites and offer a box lunch or light lunch. This is to be on July 18th.

Explore Marshfield is set for October 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 8⁵⁵PM. Next meeting is April 7th at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary