

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of September 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM via Zoom. Attending were Cindy Castro, Barbara Carney, Kathy Sullivan and Norma Haskins.

Demolition- 243 Ridge Road- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara 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 by a roll call vote.

Secretary's Report- The minutes of the meeting of August 12th were reviewed. Barbara made a motion, seconded by Cindy to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed 3-1 by a roll call vote. Kathy abstained as she was not at that meeting.

Treasurer's report- Cindy reports that dedication plaque has been received and paid for. There are no other expenditures so far for this year's funds.

Pilgrim Trail update- Cindy reports that the 1700's house that sits at 1 Pilgrim Trail has already been partly demolished, without a permit. The owner previously wanted to pave part of Pilgrim Trail to this property. The Town has started legal proceedings against this owner for illegally demolishing this house without a permit, causing him \$300.00 per day in fines. He has now applied for a demolition permit and we will be reviewing that at the next meeting. The owner has been refused permission to pave part of Pilgrim Trail because part of his project also included paving part of his neighbor's property.

Burial Site found on Plain St. – Cindy reports that 4 burial sites have been found in wetlands behind the former Copeland Lumber Co. 2 have been dated to 1799 and 2 dated to 1803. Cindy feels we should send a letter to Mr. Maresco asking if we could hire a surveyor to properly mark the site or if the present owner has to do that. She would like to see the site cleaned up and properly marked. Perhaps we can use CPC funds to accomplish that. Kathy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to have Cindy send the letter. It was voted and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Cindy reports a letter of interest has been received by the Board of Selectmen from Carolyn Shanley who has an interest in serving on the Historical Commission. Cindy reviewed her credentials. Norma made a motion, seconded by Barbara to have Cindy send a letter to the Board to approve of her on our Commission. It was voted and passed via a roll call vote, unanimously.

Announcements- Barbara reports the Marsha Thomas House is having an Open House to introduce their new function facility. People can call and make a reservation and will be given a tour of the building. Cindy reports they are working on fall decorations for the Marsha Thomas House too.

Cindy made a motion, seconded by Norma, to adjourn at 7:33PM. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary.