

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of October 6th.

Meeting called to order at 7PM via ZOOM. Attending were Cindy Castro, Barbara Carney, Karen Biagini, Michelle Campion, Kathy Sullivan, Carolyn Shanley, Norma Haskins and 2 guests.

Demolition Application- 5 Trouants Island - Cindy reports ownership is confirmed and finding no historical significance she made a motion, seconded by Michelle 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.

Demolition application – 1 Old Pilgrim Trail – Pictures were reviewed. Cindy reports no update has been received as to the ongoing proceedings against the owner by the Town for proceeding with a demolition without the permits to do so. Cindy suggests we should prepare an article for Town Meeting in the spring to add penalties to owners who fail to comply with the bylaw. It was decided to table the discussion of the Town Meeting article until the November meeting. Cindy reports that the house is in very poor condition, the roof has been removed and much of the interior has been demolished. Seeing as there is little option for this very old house Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy that Due to the condition of the building that the Commission will 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 September 15th were reviewed. Seeing no corrections Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Treasurer's report- Michelle reports the only expenditure has been the dedication plaque for the new office. Norma suggested we will need to set aside funds for movers when the time comes for us to move to our new office.

Cindy said she will try to get us access to the new space so we can plan what we will need to purchase for furniture.

New found burial site on Plain St- Cindy reports we are still waiting for a decision from Town Counsel regarding how to proceed with protecting that very old burial site.

Norma reports that she has received a call from a real estate agent who advises that the Thomas Sampson House at 449 Parsonage St is on the market. This house is listed in our Historic Homes list. It is possible prospective new owners may want to make some changes and she advised that if they make any substantial changes to the outward appearance to the building we would like to be advised.

There was a discussion regarding what can or cannot be done to historic old buildings. The GAR Hall on Old Main St recently requested permission to install solar panels on the roof. This building sites in the nationally recognized Marshfield Hills Historic District. Cynthia Krusell our Town Historian reports that she does not believe we have any say over what can be done on homes in a Historic District. Carolyn agreed to do some research into this matter and report back. Two very old homes in that district are being restored at this time.

We also discussed how persons are being notified if a home they are interested in buying is a historic home.

At 7:37PM Barbara made a motion, seconded by Michelle to adjourn. It was voted and passed by roll call vote.

Next meeting will be November 10th at 7PM. Cindy to check and see if we can use the library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary