

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of November 10th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 5:07PM via ZOOM. Attending were Kathy Sullivan, Barbara Carney, Carolyn Shanley, Cindy Castro, Karen Biagini, Michelle Campion and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application 109 Old Main St. Cindy explained this demolition application is for the shed to the rear of the house only. This shed has no historical significance. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy that this shed 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 by a roll call vote unanimously.

Cindy briefly explained the new system in use at the building department for these demolition applications.

Secretary's Report- The minutes of the meeting of October 6th were reviewed. Kathy made a motion seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Treasurer's report- There have been no further expenditures in our budget for this month.

Plain St. Burial site- Cindy reports we are still waiting to hear back from Town Counsel about what actions we can take on this matter.

Plainville Cemetery- Carolyn reports that this cemetery has been abandoned. She wonders if we should get involved in trying to save this historic cemetery. Kathy asked if the Town had any records about deeds within the cemetery. Carolyn advises that the Plainville Association which managed the site was disbanded in 2015 and most of the members have passed away. Relatives of people buried there are concerned. Carolyn agreed to see what information she could gather for our next meeting.

Announcements- We received a letter from the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail Coordinator Brenda C. O'Connor. She would like us to choose a spot to be

highlighted in our Town which would depict where there were significant Irish or Irish/American presence or influence. Kathy agreed to contact her and see what exactly they were looking for and report back at the next meeting.

Cindy reports the Hatch Mill Association would like to meet with us at the next meeting to discuss getting our support as they go to the CPC Committee to request further funding for the purpose of dredging a portion of the pond adjacent to the mill.

She also reports that the Marshfield Historical Society is planning a Holiday Stroll the weekend of December 12th. They will have crafts tables, decorations and other attractions.

The Congregational Church is having a Christmas Fair in their parish hall on December 5th. They will be observing social distancing.

Michelle reports she attended an open house at a historic old house on Mayflower Road that is For Sale. She is hoping the new owners will elect to restore and not demolish it.

Next meeting scheduled for December 1st at 7PM via ZOOM.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barbara at 7:45PM. It was voted and passed by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins Secretary