

## Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of January 5, 2021

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

Also attending were guests Lawrence Ciolfi and Arthur Hale.

Demolition Application – 626 Webster St- Cindy reports that two buildings are to be demolished but only one is over 50 years old and that is the one before us. She reports the fire department has already been having practice at the house and cut holes in the roof. The Building Inspector has advised them that this practice cannot be done without a permit from the Building Dept. Mr. Ciolfi is representing the owner and stated the fire dept. had approached them and they were not aware a permit was needed. They approved the practice drills. He apologized for their mistake. Cindy reports she could find no historical significance. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy that we have found no historical significance and would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Demolition application, 34 Ames Avenue- Cindy reports she has spoken with the owner and he said the foundation is in poor condition and the cost to raise and provide a new foundation far outweighs the value of the building. The owner has supplied a rendering of the proposed new building which much resembles the present structure. Carolyn was concerning with the elevation being too close to neighbor uphill and it would spoil their view. Mr. Hale, the builder, reported that the new structure will be located downhill from the present building to alleviate this. While this building was built in 1896 Cindy could find no historical significance and due to its condition made a motion, seconded by Barbara that this building had 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 December 1<sup>st</sup> have been reviewed and no one offered any amendments. Kathy made a motion, seconded by Barbra to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously via a roll call vote.

Treasurers Report- The balance remains the same. No new expenditures.

Irish Trail- Kathy reports she has been trying to reach the Chamber of Commerce but they have not returned her several calls. We would like to get their input on any possible connection to the Irish in the Town of Marshfield. Barbara offered her a possible link to a local person she could contact.

By-Law Changes- Cindy reports she has 2 possible amendments that she feels would help us to enforce the Demolition Delay By-Law. She feels the ages of the dwelling should be changed from 50 years to 75 years. She also feels that some people have been getting demo permits to help them in selling their properties. Several permits we have allowed were never done and the old building still sit today as they were then. She would like there to be a 2 year limit on each approval. That would require building owners to return after two years to reapply. After discussion Cindy made a motion, seconded by Norma to ask Town Meeting to allow these two changes. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Cindy reports application received in the Selectmen's Office by Jack Arouca, 28 Rayfield Rd who would like to join our Commission. Two of our members know of Mr. Arouca and recommended him. Michele made a motion, seconded by Barbara to send a letter to the Board and advise them of our approval for the new member.

Letter to Carol Hamilton- Carolyn will forward to each of us a letter she prepared on our behalf to Carol Hamilton regarding the naming of the new exercise area the Council on Aging for Old Pilgrim Trail. The letter explains our reasoning behind not approving that name, namely because it is not on Pilgrim Trail and that name is already in use in several other spots in the area and will tend to confuse the emergency responders in case of an emergency. Members are encourage to read and report back if they approve the letter before it is sent.

Announcements- Cindy reports she has located a conference table for our new office. She has also found a bookcase and Mr.Maresco has promised six chairs. There is possibly a desk that may be available also. She checked the new office recently and suspects that we may be able to move in in March.

Cindy reports the Historical Society has available a new book on the life of Peregrine White. The book is available for \$20.00. It's \$25.00 if signed by the author. Those interested should contact Tim Davidson.

Next meeting will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to adjourn t 7:37PM. The motion was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary