

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of March 2, 2021

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

Demolition Applications – 32 Surf Avenue- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy that this building 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 via a roll call vote.

Demolition – 16 Summer St- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara that this shed attachment had no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit for the shed attachment only. It was voted and passed, unanimously via a roll call vote.

Demolition- 37 Constitution Rd- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara that this building 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 via a roll call vote.

Demolition- 225 Bay Avenue- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara that this building 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 via a roll call vote.

Secretary's report- The minutes of the meeting of February 2nd were reviewed. Hearing no amendments or corrections Kathy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed by a roll call vote. Michelle abstained as she was not at that meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Only one bill came in and it was paid for \$400.00 for a second key for the Law Office. Cindy reports she has learned that because of the fire recently at our new office there will be a significant delay in our moving. She found we can encumber funds from this FY budget for use for furnishings for the office.

Irish Trail- Kathy reports she has sent to each of us two links for information of the proposed trail. She has already reported to them that she has been unable to locate any specific places in Marshfield that could be added to their trail, however she is still searching. She has several people she will be speaking with soon. They are planning a website and they expect an annual donation of \$1000.00 from each participating town to cover the cost. They are setting up a nonprofit to be able to apply for available grants to help with the costs to fund the project.

Due to the fire at our new office several members of the Commission are concerned about the safety of our historical artifacts being kept at this location. Kathy will work on a letter to Mr.

Maresco requesting space at the Town Hall to keep our stuff. Much of what we have is irreplaceable.

New Business-

2000 Ocean St- We discussed the plans for a new addition to the historical building at 2000 Ocean St. They are planning an addition to the left hand side of the building to house seating for the restaurant at that end of the building. We all agreed that this addition should have little impact on the historical significance of the structure. Cindy to advise the building department of our decision.

Webster Estate Lease- Barbara reports that the new lease to the Daniel Webster Preservation Trust has been signed by the Town and sent to the Trust for their approval. In it the Town directs that the DWPT “agree to accept the relocation of the law office onto the leased premises and to assume responsibility for it to the same extent as its responsibility for the family home”. She is concerned that we will lose control over the use of the Law Office and the artifacts inside may be in peril. Barbara will discuss it with the chair of the trust and see if we can solve this dilemma by making a change in the lease.

Kathy reports she sent the wording for our Town Meeting articles to the Board of Selectmen.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary