

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of May 4th, 2021

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

Secretary's Report- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Treasurers Report. Michele reports the balance remains at @\$2,748.00.

Cindy reports she has two estimates for the repair of the roof at Webster's Law Office. Steve Vining quoted \$2,087. The reason for the high cost was the price of materials. And Paul Williams quoted \$1,815. Discussion followed on our choice of vendors. After the discussion Michele made a motion, seconded by Barbara to approve the spending of \$2,086. To have the roof repaired by Steve Vining. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Blacksmith Shop- The blacksmith shop is in dire need of restoration or replacement. The Winslow House group would like some outside work done soon, for the summer season. While the building belongs to the Town, the Historical Society and the Commission are charged with its upkeep. The Society is prepared to do the outside work this spring. There are plans to ask the CPC for the funds needed to restore the building. A brief discussion followed on the method of proceeding. Michele reports that the CPC will expect a portion of the project to be given by the Society or the Commission.

Irish Trail update- Kathy reports she is still waiting for a call back from Mr. Maresco. The Facebook request for suggestions from the public did not point out any spot we missed that would show Irish presence here in Marshfield.

We discussed adding the list of historic markers and possible tea rooms and early ferry crossings to our webpage.

We discussed the letter to Mr. Maresco regarding our move to the new office and the safety of irreplaceable artifacts. We made a final amendment to the letter which will be sent along.

Cindy reported we received a donation of items regarding the Peregrine White Farm and other items. Norma reports the donation of a very old map from 1857 and books and postcards by Carolyn Housman.

Motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Barbara to adjourn at 7:45PM. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote. Next meeting will be June 1st.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Haskins, Secretary