

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of September 7, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7PM in Hearing Room 2 at the Town Hall. Attending were Cindy Castro, Barbara Carney, Kathy Sullivan, Carolyn Shanley and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application – 485 Pleasant St- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy, 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.

Secretary's report- The minutes of the meeting of August 2 were reviewed. Kathy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurer's report- Only one bill to pay is the mowing for the Webster law office for the summer. Barbara made a motion, seconded by Kathy to set aside \$90.00 to pay that bill. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Training Green- After a brief discussion Barbara made a motion, seconded by Cindy to set aside the last week of August each year for the Opioid Awareness display of flags on the Training Green. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Application for a display for the month of September this year for a display of flags on the green to recognize Pediatric Cancer Awareness. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to allow this use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Budget meeting- Cindy updated us on her meeting with Mr. Maresco and the Town Treasurer regarding our plans for our budget. We had a lengthy discussion on our needs for the new office including a fire/water proof safe for our most irreplaceable items. Cindy said to expect a move in date for the end of December or early January.

Webster Law Office- Cindy reports Mr. Maresco would like to place the responsibility for the outside maintenance of the law office into the hands of the Webster Trust. Town council is preparing a new contract. We had a discussion of where the Commission is going in plans for the 400th Celebration. Cindy asked Mr. Maresco that funds be set aside to be made available to purchase Marshfield historical artifacts should they come available. Brief discussion.

Two Mile/Hatch Mill marker- The granite marker that was originally at Hatch mill was a marker for the Two Mile historic area. It was moved during reconstruction and is now at the DPW grounds. Norma contacted the Trustees of Reservations and they have agreed to allow the placement of the marker at the Two Mile Reservation, off Union St. They are going to mark the site, near the kiosk and we can put it there.

Irish Trail Update- Kathy reports receiving an email from Brenda O'Connor regarding our inability to find a place in Marshfield that would represent a place where the Irish made a mark in our history. They have learned that Daniel Webster supported the Irish people in their hours of need during the famine. Therefore they want to make the Webster Estate part of their Trail. The DWPT has determined that because Webster support their plight he wasn't the only one and therefore the Estate should not be included. There is a meeting planned with the Board of Selectmen regarding this subject.

Christmas Cove development. Cindy reports that the new development behind homes at the top of Nelsons hill and 540 Highland Street was denied by the Planning Board. They wanted to put 8 homes on small 15,000 Square foot lots and a road into the site. The superior court has reversed the planning board decision and is allowing the use. We had a discussion of what if anything we can do to protect historic areas from development.

Route 3A sign at Summer St. Cindy reports the sign was painted and installed by the DPW. The Seaside Gardeners would like to replace it with a smaller sign and we have advised them to contact the DPW Board.

CPC Articles. - Cindy remarked that all we have is funds needed for North River Ship Yards markers, money needed for Artifacts fund and perhaps funds to print our new book of all out historical markers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Next meeting will be October 5th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary