

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of January 4th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7PM in Hearing Room 2 at the Town Hall. Attending were Cindy Castro, Barbara Carney, Carolyn Shanley, Kathy Sullivan, Jack Arouca and Norma Haskins. Also attending were Town Planner, Greg Guimond, and developer Kevin Sealund.

Demolition Applications 32 Marginal Street- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy that this house 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.

77 Cherry Street- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy that this building had no historical significance to the Town and we would no objection to the issuance of a Demolition Permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Garretson cranberry barn- Kevin Sealund who is developing the property was present and presenting his plans for this historical barn. He plans on offering this barn to the Town and showed us where on this property he would like to move it to. The new location would be in a spot with access to water and on the edge of the cranberry bogs which will be maintained in its present state. We were advised that we would have power available. There will be six parking spots available as well as access to extensive walking trails on the property. We discussed the application to the building dept. to move the building. Cindy explained that we are in hopes of moving the Concord Coach to this location where it will be better cared for in a temperature and humidity control area. Greg asked us to send a letter to the Planning Board in support of Mr. Sealund's request for a variance because of the benefit to the Town. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy to send a letter of support along with a copy to the Conservation Commission. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Town Planner Greg Guimond was present to answer questions regarding the possibility of and process needed to establish historical districts in parts of Marshfield in order to preserve the historical nature of Marshfield which we enjoy today. In response to Carolyn's inquiry he explained briefly what had happened in a recent court action concerning property on Highland St referred to as Christmas Cove. He explained that any historical restriction would not have prevented that from happening as the property was not directly on Highland Street but back off the street. He explained that it has been tried several times to maintain the character of an area and has never succeeded. It depends on what restriction we want. Ultimately it will not succeed without support of the residents. It will have to be voted on at Town Meeting. We discussed first steps which should include contacting the Board of Selectmen who could appoint a committee to study the possibility. Brief discussion of areas or places which we would like to see some control of development.

Minutes from our meeting of 12/7/21. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, Kathy abstained as she was not present.

Treasurers Report- No change.

Irish Trail- Kathy reports she has sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Maresco stating our involvement in this project and our request to be removed from the responsibility for any more input in this plan as we have found no suitable locations in Marshfield that could be included. Mr. Maresco has prepared a piece for their brochure which Cindy has sent to us which is to be used for their brochure and Kathy expects our involvement is now over.

New Space- Cindy reports some of our furniture has been moved into the new office including donated furniture. We should have our own key in the next week or so. As soon as Mr. Maresco has moved insurance coverage we will be moving our collection. Kathy asked about what regular bills we will be responsible for and Cindy is to check on that. Cindy explained that there is a large display area inside the front door that we should use to display something of a historical nature. Thinking about some of the historical things Marshfield can be remembered for is its industries, such as cranberry industry, and fishing Norma suggested a sculpture of a codfish may serve to display the fishing industry. She displayed some sculpture work of fish and other items made of copper which she can get from an artist in Maine. After checking with the artist it can be done for \$600.00. The fish will be between 24" and 30" long and displayed on a base. After discussion Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy to set aside \$600.00 for the cod fish. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Cindy said we needed to send a letter to the CPC to advise them that we have determined the Blacksmith Shop to be historical to Marshfield. Carolyn to send that as well as a letter to Mr. Maresco in reply to Mr. Mitchells letter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM. Next meeting 2/1/22.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary