

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of June 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM in Hearing Room 2 at the Town Hall. Attending were Cindy Castro, Kathy Sullivan, Barbara Carney, Carolyn Shanley and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Application- 207 Ocean Street- Cindy reports she has been in contact with the owners and asked for plans on what will be replacing this house. The owner has refused to provide any plans. Cindy suggested we need to make an amendment to our Demolition Delay Bylaw which would require plans for development before demolition permit is approved. Discussion followed of what requirements we would like to see to retain the character of the neighborhood. As to 207 Ocean St Carolyn suggested we delay approval until we see some plans. Discussion followed regarding this subject. After discussion Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara, that we approve this application with reservations since no plans were provided knowing that we will be voicing our concerns at any Zoning Board hearing. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Demolition Application 365 Ocean St- Cindy reports she has been inside this building and she feels it is still basically sound. It needs outside work including porch, roof and siding. This building is on our list of Historic Homes being the Oscar Peterson House. It was built 120 years ago. Cindy reviewed the Demolition Delay Bylaw for us all. After discussion Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara, that we would delay demolition and schedule a public hearing for August 2nd and require the owners to produce a structural engineer report and reasons for demolition. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Minutes from 4/5/22- Barbara noted one typo which was corrected. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as corrected. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers report- Bills are all paid and \$2600.00 still left. Cindy has received the estimate for the new shades at the Webster Law Office. The windows are so tall that she ordered battery operated shades as there are no electrical outlets in that building. She made a motion, seconded by Carolyn, to set aside \$1500.00 for the two shades. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

It was mentioned we still need a vacuum cleaner for both the new office and the law office. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara, to set aside \$400.00 to cover the cost of the new vacuum. It was voted and passed, unanimously,

Historical Markers- We received the wording for the three new Hatch Mill, Green Light, and Pratt Farm markers. Discussions followed to make adjustments to the wording with Mr. Mitchell voicing his ideas to help make the markers historically correct. Cindy made a motion,

seconded by Kathy, to accept the final wording. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Here is the approved final wording:

Historic Hatch Mill

The last remaining sawmill on the Two Mile Brook.

It was owned and operated for over 150 years by the Hatch family.

Green Light Tea Room

Site of the East Marshfield Post Office 1838-1879
and the Little Green Light tea room 1920-1940's

Pratt Farm

The 34 Acre site was the last Salt Marsh Hay Farm in Marshfield. In 1890 a barn housed livestock and later Race horses for the Marshfield Fair. In 2012 it was Purchased by the Town of Marshfield using CPA funds. A Trail leads to the former Rail Bed and Kayak launch.

Irish Trail- Kathy reports the festivities to celebrate the Irish Trail were held May 22nd in Scituate. They have a web page that is informative and interactive which also has directions for a self-guided tour.

Open House- Discussion postponed to the next meeting.

At 8:28 Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to adjourn. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Next meeting to be July 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary