Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes Meeting of April 4, 2023

Meeting called to order in the Historical Commission office at 7PM. Attending were Cindy Castro, Barbara Carney, Kathy Sullivan, Michele Campion, Carolyn Shanley, Jack Arouca and Norma Haskins. Also attending guest Steve Bjorkland.

Demolition – 25 Lawrence Road- Steve Bjorkland present to represent the owner. He explained this building is beyond repair needs to be demolished. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Michele, that this building has no historical significance to the Town and we would no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Minutes- The minutes of our meeting of March 7th have been reviewed by all and there are no amendments. Barbara made a motion, seconded by Kathy to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurer's report- There have been no expenditures. Cindy reports that as soon as she receives OK from the accountant the fireproof safes will be ordered.

Training Green- There have been three applications. They are for the Seaside Gardeners for their plant sale on May 20th, The Congregational Church for their annual Church Fair on July 1st and The Marshfield Fair for the use of the green for their Farmers Markets on 7/7, 8/11, 8/18, and 8/25. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Michele to allow the use in each case. It was voted and passed. Barbara abstained from the Church vote as she had made the application.

Webster Law Office- The work to be done this spring at the law office was discussed. We need to address the problem with the deterioration of the woodwork around the door as it is rotting away. Norma and Jack are meeting with Tom O'Brien on Monday to get the first estimate for the work to be done. She will contact Buttonwood Restorations for second estimate ASAP. She and Jack are preparing the office to be ready for 2023 visitors. Jack reports the alarm system has been repaired and is back in operation.

91 Old Colony Lane- Cindy reports a reports has been received from the owner regarding the work to be done there. She asked us all to review the report and we will discuss it again at the next meeting. Brief discussion followed on the recent tour of the building.

Cindy announced that the last Book Sale will be held on April 15, and April 16th at the Lord Randall Book Store at 22 Main St. Building has been sold. She also told us of some of the Marshfield History artifacts she has found there.

We discussed the status of the restoration of our town's cemeteries. Carolyn agreed to prepare a draft letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the possibility of reappointing a Cemetery Committee to continue with the restoration. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion on the historic homes list. Kathy is working on verifying new entries and will keep us informed.

At 8:17PM Barbara made a motion, seconded by Michele, to adjourn the meeting. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Next meeting will be Mat 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary.