

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of May 2, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7PM in the Historical Commission Office. Attending were Cindy Castro, Barbara Carney, Kathy Sullivan, Jack Arouca and Norma Haskins. Also attending were guests Arthur Hale, Joe Pecevich and Mr. Powers owner of 365 Ocean St.

Demolition Applications- 69 Foster Avenue- Arthur Hale present representing the owner. He stated the owner has tried to repair the damages but it was decided it will have to be raised up to comply with FEMA rules. The cost would be prohibitive. Cottage was built in 1945 just after the Great Fire. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara 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.

Demolition review 365 Ocean St. Mr. Powers was present and has given us revised plans including adjustments made to comply with our concerns on the octagon porch and the 2nd floor porch railings. After some discussion Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to remove the demolition delay from 365 Ocean St with the stipulation of the added octagon porch and the 2nd floor porch railings. It was voted and passed, unanimously. Mr. Powers discussed some of his concerns with the new design fitting on the existing footprint. There was a brief discussion on the requirements of the Demolition Delay By-law.

Demolition review- 91 Old Colony Lane- Cindy reports the owner has not supplied us with any plans he has for the property. Our concerns are as to whether this property will convert to airport property or will the existing single family home be replaced. Cindy feels we should request a structural engineers report. Mr. Pecevich asked to discuss this property. He asked how we determined its age. Cindy explained the previous owner thought the house was from the 1600's but at the open house the experts we invited to the tour determined the house was built in stages and most sections dated to the 1800's. Cindy is to contact the owner with our requests.

Minutes- The minutes of our meeting of April 4th were reviewed. Two corrections were made. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurer's report- Cindy reports the bill has been paid for the alarm system repair at the Law Office. She has ordered the fireproof cabinets and they should be here within a month. Kathy volunteered to prepare the script and order the invitations for the Open House we're having in September to Dedicate our new office.

Letter to Town Administrator re- Cemeteries. - Jack reported he had visited some of the cemeteries in question and he felt we should apply for CPC funds to have them restored. We discussed the duties of the proposed Cemetery Committee we are requesting the Board of

Selectmen to appoint. We are not capable to do this work. We all felt this should be a permanent committee who would make annual reports to the Town. It was decided to have Carolyn reword the letter to remove any personalities before it is sent.

Historic Home List Update- This was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Pecevich discussed his upcoming work with the Housing Authority with the possibility of making affordable housing and other projects they could do.

Open House Update- Kathy to prepare and order invitations- Further discussion tabled for the next meeting.

Law Office- We received two bids for the work that needs to be done. Buttonwood Renovations bid was slightly higher but Tom Obrien has not advised us if he is insured and bonded as required. Jack is to check with him and let Cindy know. Project must be completed by 7/1.

Concord Coach- Jack is to check this week to take measurements for Cindy and prepare the coach for school visits. Cindy is to visit the barn being given to the Historical Commission to see if the coach will fit in the doors provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM. Next meeting will be June 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary