

## Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

### Meeting of October 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7PM in the Historical Commission Office. Attending were Cindy Castro, Barbara Carney, Jack Arouca, Michele Campion, Carolyn Shanley and Norma Haskins.

Demolition application- 903 Plain Street. Agent for the owner was present and outlined his plans for the site. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara that this building 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 application, 1211 Forest St. Agent for the owner was present and told us of his plans to rebuild further back on the site and demolish the existing house. 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.

Robin Mitchell was present and addressed the commission regarding Hatch Mill. He has been researching the journal written by Lucrecia Hatch and told us of his findings. He explained when the original grist mill was built and when it burned to the ground. He also found when the saw mill was constructed. He briefly explained how the grist mill and the sawmill operated. He left us with a report he had prepared on his findings.

There is no update in 91 Old Colony Lane.

The minutes of our meeting of September 5<sup>th</sup> have been reviewed by all. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jack to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurer reports no further bills received for this month.

There is still no response from the Board of Selectmen regarding our letter concerning Chapel and Cedar Grove Cemeteries.

Concord Coach- Norma circulated a preliminary sketch on what an addition to the garage at the Webster Estate may look like if we decided to move the Coach to that location. Jack advised us of the possible grants which we could apply for to help if we decided to pursue this option. We discussed the process and we need to do next in this process which is to get some estimated prices for the work to be done. We discussed the design we might like to see if this project actually goes forward.

The Historic Homes list work is still on hold.

New Business- 214 Moraine St barn- We discussed possible plans for the barn which now belongs to the Town. The Facilities Manager is to deal with the bat problem. We will get some

estimates for the cost to prepare the lower level of the barn for possible use for storage for the Coach.

North River Community Church- They would like our support for their application to the CPC for \$700,000. In funds to restore the Community Center on Old Main St. They have invited us to tour the structure and see their plans. Cindy will contact them and set up tour for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10AM. Cindy suggested we also tour the GAR Hall again for a look at their plans for further work to be done and also a tour of the barn at 214 Moraine St all on the same day.

CPC applications – We have submitted an application for CPC funding for three objects to be preserved. They are the very old cloth map of the Hills Cemetery, cleaning and preserving Webster's Cloak and the cleaning and framing of the life sized painting of Webster as a young man which was found in a closet at his estate. Cindy is getting prices.

Webster Estate well cover- Barbara is working on getting a quote to replace the badly weathered Plexiglas cover. There are hopes to have it done in the spring and hereafter covering the well for the winter to protect it from severe weather.

Training Green Applications- the Congregational Church has applied for use of the green for October 28<sup>th</sup> for a Halloween themed activity and also for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for their live Nativity. Michele made a motion, seconded by Cindy to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Next meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary.