

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of November 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7PM in the Historical Commission Office. Attending were Cindy Castro, Kathy Sullivan, Barbara Carney, Norma Haskins and guests Bill Frugoli, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Corbett, Lorrie Dahlen, Chris DeOrsay, and Steve DeCastro.

Demolition Application, 34 Elmhurst Ave.- Owners, the Corbetts, were present and explained the history of the site which comprises of several building, all family owned and what their plans are for this cottage which will entail demolition and replacement with a slightly larger single family home. 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 application- 25 Damon's Point Circle- After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Kathy 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.

91 Old Colony Lane- no update at this time.

Concord Coach- Norma reports that the verbal estimate for planning and construction has been given by Rockwood Design at between \$125,000. And \$150,000. It was decided to put off further discussion on this until our full board could be included.

Garretson Barn- Cindy updated us all on conditions found in a recent inspection with Amy Boyce. The building has a serious bat problem. Cindy is working with getting a pest control company to first clean up the droppings that have accumulated. Due to the time of year and the nature of bats to hibernate it would be advisable to wait until spring to remove them which will be done. There is a water problem in the basement which has been caused by a faulty downspout. They are working on a solution as to placement and size of downspout to solve the problem. The roof needs to be replaced. Cindy is to speak with Mr. Sealund who has agreed to regrade the area outside the basement door and resurface it with gravel to allow easier access. She is also to inquire as to the possibility of access to the projects septic for a small restroom for our barn. Amy Boyce is preparing an estimate for the work to be done to restore the barn. Bill Frugoli and Steve DeCastro from the Marshfield Fair and Lorrie Dahlen from the Agricultural Commission were with us to discuss possibilities for this historical old barn which was gifted to the Town. We discussed several options such as highlighting Marshfield's history of cranberry harvesting in displays to educate the public. Ocean Spray has offered their assistance in that regard. Other possibilities include a farm to table event, a Farmers Market, Cranberry Festival where we would show off the wonderful two story cranberry sorter which came with the barn. Cindy asked all to put some thought into possibilities for this barn over the winter.

Chris Deorsay was with us to ask our support for the North Community Church CPC application for funds to restore the former Clift Rogers Library which has been used as a community center for many decades. We discussed the history of the building and what needs to be done to restore the building, which is substantial. His CPC request is for over \$800,000.00 dollars. The commission was given a tour of the building so we could understand what needs to be done recently. He explained the work would be done with products that would maintain the historical integrity of the building. He also discussed some options for the window replacement which is a significant portion of the funds needed. This building was erected in 1890. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to write a letter to the CPC in support of their request. Mr. DeOrsay also requested a statement from the Historical Commission as to where this building would appear in our group of historical buildings in Town. Cindy to research and respond.

CPC requests- Cindy advises she has withdrawn our request for funds for the restoration of several fragile articles. We have been unable to find a vendor we can rely on for this delicate job without risk.

Barbara advises the Webster Estate has a CPC request for funds to restore the 5 chimneys at the estate which were never done in the original restoration. They are leaking, in some places badly, and mortar is crumbling. Estimate for repair is \$41,250.00. Cindy to send a letter of support for this request to CPC.

Training Green- An application has been submitted for use by The Winslow House Assoc. for a Tea Party Reenactment to be held on November 26 from 2PM to 5PM. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Barbara to allow the use. It was voted and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM. Next meeting will be December 5th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary