

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of February 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7PM in the Historical Commission Office. Attending were Cindy Castro, Kathy Sullivan, Jack Arouca, Carolyn Shanley and Norma Haskins. We had one guest Tom Whalen.

Demolition Application- 30 West St. After review Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jack that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Ton Whelan address the commission to tell us about the efforts which are underway to attract a group of interested Marshfield residents to form our own Marshfield 250 Committee which prepare to celebrate to 250 Anniversary of the end of the Revolutionary War. We would be joining a Revolution 250 statewide group in an effort to celebrate this date in our history which will be held on April 19, 2026. Locally plans are already underway to prepare and dedicate a granite marker in front of the Town Hall to honor those who served. Tom is addressing all the local historical groups to encourage their participation. We discussed things we could contribute to this event.

Training Green- Ned Bangs from the Marshfield Cultural Council has requested the use of the Training Green for the annual free family concerts to be held on July 14, 21st and 28th and August 4th. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Carolyn to allow the use. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Minutes- The minutes of the meeting of January 2nd were reviewed. There being no amendments Cindy made a motion, seconded by Jack to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Treasurers report- no report

Concord Coach/ Garretson's barn- Kathy suggested we need to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss both. It's up to them to decide what the next step will be. The cost to prepare the barn is prohibitive but we cannot do any more without their approval. We need \$3,500.00 to do a thorough cleaning of the coach. It needs to be done by an expert and this is too valuable not to do it right. Cindy explained that the Coach will not fit in the barn and neither will it fit in the present garage at the Webster Estate. Mr. Maresco has met with the Building Commissioner and the Planning Board to discuss the possibility of have a living unit in the barn. It would need a septic system and a water supply. All still under discussion.

We discussed briefly the list Jack prepared of all the Town owned historical buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Haskins, Secretary

