

Marlborough Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting Sept. 22, 1964

On September 22, 1964, sixteen people turned out in response to Mayor Haddad's suggestion that a Historical Society be formed in the City of Marlboro. Many others sent word that although they were unable to attend this initial meeting, they would certainly be there for the next.

Mayor Haddad addressed the group and outlined the various reasons why he thought a Historical Society should be formed. He found those present in full agreement with him.

The Mayor stressed that this was not to be a city-run organization, but one run by, and in complete control of, the members of the society.

Temporary officers were elected as follow:

President - Mrs. Florence H. Williams

Treasurer - Mr. Roy Estabrook

Clerk - Mrs. Helen T. DiTommaso

It was unanimously agreed that Mayor Haddad apply for a charter for the organization at once.

The following committees were established:

Research Committee

Mrs. Claudia McCarthy, Chairman

Mrs. Lindley Felton

Mrs. Rosa Laviolette

Mr. Donald Avey

Miss Rita Laine

Mrs. A. Sidney Brigham

Mrs. Eleanor Wellen

Mrs. Virginia Johnson

Finance Committee

Mr. Roy Estabrook, Chairman

Mr. Lindley Felton

Mr. A. Sidney Brigham

Mrs. W. J. Bacauskas

Mrs. John R. Waldo

Mr. Peter C. DiTommaso

Mrs. Ralph H. Carter

Mrs. Marilyn Perry

Publicity Committee

Mrs. Marcia Novitch, Chairman

Mrs. Ralph H. Carter

It was decided that the Membership need not be confined to the citizens of Marlboro, but also to former residents of Marlboro or residents of the area towns whose histories may tie in with that of Marlboro.

Miss Lapine, of the City Clerk's Office, assured us that the records and facilities of that office would be open to us, and that she would do all she could to help us.

A matter of immediate concern to this newly-formed organization was whether it should try to save the old Dr. Sher property.

It was decided that an effort would be made to purchase and to move this property to another location. The cost of purchase and moving this house would come to around \$4500.00, Mr. Estabrook being willing to sell the property for exactly what it cost him, even though he could realize a good deal more for it if he sold it in parts.

The Finance Committee is in hopes that this sum can be raised by public donations. All persons interested in saving this property are urged to send a donation to the Historical Society, in care of Mr. Roy Estabrook, 3 Ash Street, Marlboro.

At the close of the meeting the members of the society were taken on a tour of the Sher property, and felt that although a lot of hard work would be involved, that this property was certainly worth saving.

It was also recommended that we contact Mr. John Bigelow, our City Historian, to ask if he would become a member or serve in any capacity he felt able. A letter to this effect was sent, and Mr. Bigelow called Secretary DiTommaso to say that he would be happy to serve us in any way he could. And that although he would not be able to attend every meeting, he would try indeed to attend some.

The next meeting of the Society is scheduled for next Tuesday night, September 29, at 8 o'clock, at City Hall.

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