

**Wareham Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes: December 5, 2012
Wareham Town Hall**

**Present: Robin Ragle-Davis (Chair), Len Boutin (Treasurer), Cheryl Knapp (Co-Clerk)
Angela M. Dunham (Co-Clerk)**

Absent: Mack Phinney (Vice Chair) excused

**Guests: Robert Ethier (Wareham Board of Health Agent), Brendan Annett, Buzzards Bay
Coalition (Vice President - Watershed Protection)**

- **Demolition Hearing:**

3120 Cranberry Highway (former Dewey's Restaurant)

Owner: Marino Guy, Trustee

Realty Trust

44 Canterbury Dr.

Plymouth, MA 02360

Lot: 1005 Built: 1940 2.64 acres

Mr. Robert Ethier, Wareham Board of Health Agent, presented pictures and information regarding the uninhabitable condition of the former Dewey's Restaurant. After review and discussion, the building was found to have no historical significance.

The WHC voted 4-0-0 in favor of demolition.

- **Buzzards Bay Coalition:**

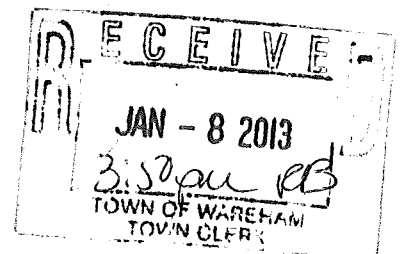
Brendan Annett, Vice President of Watershed Protection for the Buzzards Bay Coalition, presented information related to the 1860s Historic Horseshoe Mill property in South Wareham. Areas covered:

Topography, pre-historic Wampanoag history, stone mill foundations, rail line remnants, turbine raceway at the dam and the objective to develop the site the area as a conservation site.

A map and Buzzards Bay Coalition flyer provided background information and goals for the property.

- **100 Anniversary of the Cape Cod Canal:**

Robin Ragle-Davis reported on her meeting with Henry St. Julien and Scott Palladino from Wareham High School to discuss a CCC Diorama Project, which is proposed to be displayed at the Wareham Town Hall and Wareham Library.



- **2014 Wareham Summer of Celebration:**

Angela M. Dunham discussed the proposed plans for the 275th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Wareham and the 200th Anniversary of the British ship, Nimrod, and its attack on the Town of Wareham.

- **Wigwam:**

The President of the Onset Wigwam, Patty Craig, has contacted Robin Ragle-Davis to discuss severe water and insect damage at the Wigwam. Strategies for remediation were discussed, since the Wareham Historical Commission (WHC) holds the Historical Preservation Restriction on the Wigwam.

- **WHC Inventory:** Inventory at the Wareham Library will resume in January.
- **Dehumidifier in the Climate Control Storage Closet:** WHC members continue to monitor and record the humidity issue.
- **WHC Minutes from November:** Minutes were read and accepted as is- 3-0-1.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Town Account: \$135.00 Gift Account: \$542.51
Banners: cost \$65.00, A.D. Makepeace Cranberry Festival: Cost \$26.50
Vote to accept Treasurer's Report: 4-0-0
- Cheryl Knapp has been appointed to the Wareham Historic District Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Dunham (Co-Clerk)