

Wellfleet Historical Review Board

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Minutes of the April 9, 2002 meeting.

Present: Sibel Asantugrul, chair, Richard Robicheau, Helen Purcell
and Richard Azman, Wellfleet Building Inspector

The meeting was held at the request of Mr. Azman. It was properly posted at the Town Hall. Mr. Azman explained that the Historical Review Board's existing application was weak. Its interpretation of its purpose, he felt, is too limited when the word "destruction" is so narrowly defined as to include only the exterior walls of the building the alteration or destruction of which is proposed by an applicant. There was much discussion of the Bylaw which established this Review Board and of the intent of its terms.

Mr. Azman urged the Board to prepare for him a list of the properties in Wellfleet which are on the National Register of Historic Places or that are more than 75 years old or that, after a public hearing are designated the this Board as being historically or architecturally significant because of style, famous residents at some time or connection with Wellfleet's history. He urged us to study the law under which we function and be more aware of its legal requirements. Helen Purcell said that she believed that we had already given the Inspector a copy of the original directory which the State Historical Commission had used as a basis for its recommendation of the buildings in the center of Town to the National Register of Historic Places. With considerable patience, Mr. Azman explained the ways in which that list make it deficient for his purposes since the law requires of his office considerably more precision when dealing with an applicant's building request. He cannot forward to the Historical Review Board with any degree of confidence any application which is not a complete inventory of all structures in town, their age and any information related to their period, their local history and their architectural significance.

Richard Robicheau offered to prepare the list about structures, their locations, their age. Then the committee may use the list to add historical importance and architectural significance to that skeleton of information.

We did not work on a new application, nor did we accept minutes of the previous meeting both of which will be worked on at the next meeting, April 30, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Purcell