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May 3, 2000 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC) TOWN CLERK

Paul Fox, chairman, opened the meeting at 4:06 PM with members David Rego, Clarence Smith, Marion Parkinson, Janet Erickson, Merritt Fraser, and Eugene Cormier in attendance. Jeffrey White, an interested spectator, also was present.

The minutes of the April 5, 2000 meeting, were read by Clarence Smith. It was suggested and agreed that: a) the word "remainder" in Correspondence, paragraph #1, be changed to "reminder" and, b) the vowel "is" be inserted between "subcommittee" and "to consider" in the last sentence of the first paragraph under Old Business. The attendees voted to accept the minutes as corrected.

#### Correspondence

Paul passed out brochures describing the Cape Cod Maritime 2000 events, which were scheduled for the week of May 16 thru 21. One event of particular interest was a, "Going to Sea - A Family Tradition", presentation by Rueben Baker at the Orleans Historical Society meetinghouse museum on Thursday, May 18, at 7:30 PM.

#### Old Business

Officer Williams Memorial Relocation - Paul discussed the feasibility of locating the "Officer Williams Memorial" on Lema's Market building, which is across the street from the present location, with Mr. Lema. Mr. Lema was very willing to have it placed on his building, however he requested that it not take place for at least a month until the building was painted. Paul explained to him that the discussion was preliminary, since the relocation must be coordinated with, and approved by the police department and the selectmen. Paul reported that he had also talked with the police department and is awaiting feedback from them on the suggestion.

School Pride Display Case - Clarence met with the Elementary School principal, Marcia Bradley, to discuss the "Pride in Our School" project and if acceptable to find a possible location for a 14 inch deep, awards, display case. Ms Bradley is very supportive of the project and suggested that the case be located by the gym doors so it could be readily seen by everyone. Carrot Top Industries stocks a display case in their 2000 catalog, which meets the requirements, for \$350. If funds can't be obtained, an alternative approach might be to have the Cape Cod Vocational Tech School build a display case. Jeff White volunteered to see if his school class would contribute money for the case as "Friends of the Historical Commission". It was also suggested that the forthcoming school reunion in July would be a good time to solicit contributions for a case, and information on previous school awards, gifts, and/or photographs for display.

Wellfleet Artists - Janet reported that she is still collecting information on the "Arts in Wellfleet" project, but doesn't have any recordings to show at present.

Photographic Survey of Monuments and Memorials - Merritt provided a postcard depicting the Congregational Meeting House in the South Wellfleet cemetery, which was subsequently moved to Wellfleet center and renovated for the town hall. Paul reported that Slade Associates had given him a map of the town suitable for reduction and annotation with the numbers of various markers and memorials for use in the Monuments and Memorials booklet. The available photographs were reviewed by the attendees. The format and projected size of the booklet was also discussed. The subcommittee will

continue to photograph and record the remaining items and provide a sample page layout for review at the next regular meeting.

Cemetery Repair - Paul reported on his visit to the Old Town cemetery to observe the state of the fences. He indicates that not only do the fences need repair, but the rest of the cemetery needs attention. He volunteered to investigate "the fourth round of the Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program" which was announced in a letter from the Department of Environmental Management, dated February 15, 2000, signed by Peter C. Webber. This grant is "aimed at preserving public historic landscapes, including parks, commons, former estates, cemeteries, and the grounds of public buildings". He also plans to attend, as a representative of the WHC, "The Workshop on the Preservation of Historic Cemeteries and Burial Grounds" to be held at Clark University on May 12, 2000 from 9:00 to 4:00. He will report on these actions at the regular June meeting.


Other Reports - Marion reported that the written input, to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, for inclusion of the Paine Hollow district in the "State Register of Historic Places" listing is in the library's possession at present.

Paul provided each member with a copy of the Historic Commission responsibilities. He also passed out map copies of Wellfleet Village that identified the locations of the individual buildings of historical interest in the central area.

#### New Business

There was no other business before the membership.

The meeting ended with an impromptu discussion by individuals recalling events, personnel, and other historical memories. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on June 7, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 EFC, Clerk/Secretary