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January 5, 2000 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

Paul Fox, Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 4:12 P.M. with members Clarence Smith, Marion Parkinson, and newly appointed member Eugene Cormier. David Rego arrived a few minutes after the meeting started.

Eugene Cormier was welcomed and congratulated on his new appointment to the WHC.

The Minutes of the December 1, 1999 meeting were read and accepted unanimously.

As a result of the addition of two new members, the elections for the year 2000 were held. The results were:

Paul Fox, Chairman
David Rego, Vice Chairman
Eugene Cormier, Clerk/Secretary
Clarence Smith, Correspondence Clerk

The changes in the structure of the positions was determined by the amount of work that has developed in certain areas. The Chairman will function as before, and run the meetings. The Vice Chairman will prevail in the absence of the Chairman. The Clerk/Secretary will do the minutes of the meetings. The Correspondence Clerk will handle correspondence, schedule the meetings, and reserve the rooms needed. All these duties are in addition to the regular work on sub-committees, and other activities as they arise.

Correspondence

Two letters from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) were read and discussed. One indicated that the MHC did not have any problems with the Congregational Church having a cell tower in the spire. The MHC indicated that the plastic panels installed at the base of the tower do not detract from the architectural beauty of the building. The letter suggested that the wooden panels removed for the installation of the plastic ones should be stored in a safe place, and reinstalled if the communication company owning the cell tower canceled the contract. The church tower should be "restored as closely as possible to its preinstallation conditions."

The second letter from the MHC concerned the Indian Filling Station and Lubratorium on Route 6. There seemed to be some confusion as to just which station was being referred to. At one point the letter indicated that the MHC did not agree with Maria Burks' "determination of ineligibility." The letter went on to say that "Mom and Pop" stations were a part of the country side in the early part of the Century. In addition the letter indicates that in 1940 Edward Hopper, the artist, created an icon of the gas stations with his painting "Gas." There were, however, several statements that led the

WHC membership question which gas station the MHC was referring too. Whether it is "Jack's" in Truro that was made famous by Hopper, or Berrio's (formerly Williams') station on the Wellfleet/Truro town line. Clarence Smith volunteered to contact the MHC, Maria Burke at the National Seashore, and the Truro Historical Commission for clarification.

Old Business

Clarence indicated that he sent a budget request to the Town Administrator on December 2, 1999 for \$500.00, an increase of \$400.00. This amount was requested as a result of the anticipated expenses involved with publishing, and writing brochures. Clarence also indicated that he contacted the Town Administrator about purchasing a file cabinet for the Commission.

It was noted that the Historic Massachusetts Membership registration was not accomplished prior to this meeting. This will be done prior to the next meeting, as there is \$85.00 left in the budget.

There was a suggestion that any cost of any photography expenses for work done for the WHC, should be itemized and submitted to the town for payment.

New Business

The Annual Report of the Historical Commission for the Annual Town Report was read and discussed. The report with a few minor changes was accepted unanimously, and will be delivered to the Town Administrator on January 6, 2000.

Eugene Cormier volunteered to work on the Monuments and Cemeteries sub-committee.

Having no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 P.M. The next regular meeting will be on February 2, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

PBF, Chairman