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February 2, 2000 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

Paul Fox, Chairman opened the meeting at 4:10 PM with members Clarence Smith, Marion Parkinson, David Rego, Eugene Cormier, and newly appointed member Janet Erickson.

Janet Erickson was welcomed and congratulated on her new appointment to the WHC.

The minutes of the January 5, 2000 meeting were read and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence

Clarence read the WHC letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), which was written to address the confusion arising from the letter to Maria Burks, Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent, concerning the historical eligibility of the Sousa Station and Lubritorium on Route 6 Wellfleet MA. The MHC letter, #24736, references the Sousa Station (Indian Filling Station and Lubritorium), Route 6, Wellfleet, but their description of the property is confused with the description of Jacks gas station further down Route 6 in Truro. Specifically, MHC in describing the Sousa Station, refers to artist Edward Hopper's painting of 1940, which is of Jack's station and titled "GAS". The WHC reply states that "WHC, recognizing the historical importance of each of the two stations mentioned in the letter, is only interested in setting the record straight". The WHC letter therefore provides comments, referenced to individual paragraph in the MHC letter. The WHC letter, which is copied to Maria Burks and the Truro Historical Commission, also includes additional "Historical Notes" on both the Indian Filling Station and Jack's gas station.

Old Business

Clarence informed the membership that the budget request sent to the Town Administrator on December 2, 1999 for \$500.00, (an increase of \$400.00 to cover anticipated brochure writing and publishing expenses), was OK'd by the selectmen. Clarence further stated that the request to the Town Administrator for purchase of a file cabinet for the WHC is still being discussed.

Clarence reported that the membership letter to the MHC will have to be updated to include the latest WHC members' information.

Paul provided copies of the draft Wellfleet Artists Book to all members for review. During the ensuing discussion, the need to alphabetize the lists was pointed out. The members also felt that a criteria for selection should be included within the introduction.

New Business

As an expansion to the old business, Paul provided a draft project list as input to the activities planning for the coming year. The list was briefly discussed and volunteers were assigned to specific projects.

Clarence, Meritt, and Eugene are already assigned to the Monuments and Cemeteries sub-committee. Janet volunteered to work on the Artists in Wellfleet project.

Paul stated that he will work the Pride in Our Schools project. Janet also volunteered to help with the setup for publishing of the Brochure and Maps of Rivers, Ponds, Beaches, Springs, Islands, Scenic Roads, and Town Landings. Clarence has written information on the Herring River History, which provides a good start for that project.

The following projects, Nicknames and Place Names, Archaeological Preservation, and Scenic Road By-law were discussed but remained unassigned. These discussions suggested: a) potential sources for Nicknames and Place Names input, and b) since the Archaeological Preservation and Scenic Road By-law projects rely on on-going external actions, they could possibly be worked at a later date. The members were asked to further consider working on the various project sub-committees.

The WHC members provided their addresses and phone numbers for administrative purposes.

Having no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM. The next regular meeting will be on March 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene F. Cormier
EFC, Clerk/Secretary