

March 1, 2000 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC) JAN 24 2001

TOWN CLERK

David Rego, Vice Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:15 PM with members Clarence Smith, Marion Parkinson, Janet Erickson and Eugene Cormier in attendance.

The minutes of the February 2, 2000 meeting were read by the attendees and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence

Clarence reiterated that the WHC letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, (MHC) regarding the Indian Filling Station and Lubritorium, was only to clear the confusion surrounding the original MHC letter to Maria Burks, Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent. He is therefore not expecting a reply to the WHC comments.

Clarence stated that he will send an updated membership letter to the MHC based upon the current WHC member's information.

Old Business

David distributed a list of the current Wellfleet Historical Commission members to each of the attendees.

The Monuments and Cemeteries subcommittee has begun to again take pictures of the monuments and markers considered for publication, now that milder weather has returned. Clarence provided the attendees with a list of the monuments, statues, and markers to be located, photographed, described and listed for publication in the brochure.

Janet, in pursuit of the Arts in Wellfleet project, contacted Nancy Vivante who had originally begun to compile a list of artists in Wellfleet for the Historical Society. Nancy was surprised, at first, that WHC was building on "her draft list". Janet reports that she will continue to coordinate with Nancy as she expands and catalogs the list of creative people who have lived in Wellfleet. Janet is setting up a card file system to assist in the cataloging. Clarence, in response to an earlier comment, pointed out that a criteria for inclusion on the artists lists was previously established and included in the introduction to the draft.

Clarence stated that he has a list of awards to be included in the Pride in Our Schools project.

New Business

The location of the memorial to Officer Williams was discussed. The members feel that the present location on the bulletin board, with notices sometimes covering the plaque, detracts from the memorial. Although alternative locations were suggested, the members did not agree on a new location. Clarence suggested that the monument and marker subcommittee should recommend a more suitable location to the commission. David stated that the question should be included as old business in next months' agenda.

The possibility of grant money for replacing broken and damaged pipes connecting the granite posts at the cemeteries was also discussed. During the discussion it was suggested that it might be easier to replace the pipes with chain link. Clarence agreed to contact the cemetery commission to explore their actions concerning a possible grant for the repairs. This item also will be included as old business in next months agenda. EFC

Having no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on April 5, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene F. Cormier
EFC, Clerk/Secretary