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

TOWN CLERK

David Rego, Vice Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:07 PM with members Paul Fox, Clarence Smith, Marion Parkinson, Janet Erickson, and Eugene Cormier in attendance.

The minutes of the March 1, 2000 meeting were read by the attendees. It was suggested and agreed that the phrase "chain link" in the next to last paragraph should be changed to "chains". The attendees voted to accept the minutes as corrected. Paul abstained from voting since he was not in attendance at the March meeting.

Correspondence

Paul read and briefly discussed the incoming correspondence. The items deemed of interest to, or requiring possible action by the WHC, are listed below.

1. Letter from selectmen, dated March 3, 2000, signed by Howard Grossman A remainder "that any contact with the town council must be approved by the Administrative Office". ajc
2. Letter from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, dated March 1, 2000, signed by William Galvin. An application for, and an announcement of Round VII and Round VIII Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund. This fund is a state funded 50% matching grant program to "support the preservation of properties, landscapes and sites listed or, in certain circumstances, eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places."
3. Letter from Department of Environmental Management, dated February 15, 2000, signed by Peter C. Webber. An announcement of the "fourth round of the Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program." This grant is "aimed at preserving public historic landscapes, including parks, commons, former estates, cemeteries and the grounds of public buildings."
4. An application for "A Workshop on the Preservation of Historic Cemeteries and Burial Grounds," from Department of Environmental Management, and to be held at Clark University on May 12, 2000 from 9:00 to 4:00.
5. A book from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Register of Historic Places 1999. This is a "listing of buildings, structures, objects and sites that have received local, state or national designations based on their historical or archaeological significance." Wellfleet listings are included in this volume.
6. Memorandum from the Wellfleet Council on Aging to inform the addressees that the council is hosting a "Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast" at the senior center, on Wednesday, April 12th, 8:30 - 11:30 AM, for the Board of Selectmen and all Town Committee members.

Paul read a WHC letter that he signed and delivered in support of Eastham's application for a \$10,000 grant to learn about "Old Eastham". The grant would support a study to gather information from the towns/areas, which originally were a portion of early Eastham, for central archiving of Eastham history.

Old Business

The Monuments and Cemeteries subcommittee has increased the list of applicable monuments and markers to be considered for inclusion in the brochure. There are presently 33 items/locations to be located, photographed, described and listed for publication. Although many items have been photographed, we still have to locate and photograph some of the new items as well as locations that are primarily accessible by hiking off the roadways. The format of the brochure was discussed; each individual memorial or marker could be contained on a single page with a picture, number and title, location, and brief description of the item. Janet suggested that line drawings in lieu of actual photographs may be appropriate for some of the memorials or historic buildings. It was also suggested that each item be located, by its number, on a center-fold map of the town. The subcommittee to consider these ideas and outline a strawman set-up for the commission to review at the next meeting. EFC

The Pride in Our Schools project committee discussed the possibility of having the Cape Cod Vocational Tech students build a trophy case for display of the school achievements awards. This approach if pursued, would need the approval of the principal, the school committee, and the selectmen.

Janet reported on the Arts in Wellfleet project. She has started a card file system of the artists to align the data by category, but hasn't input the listings on her computer since she thought that much of that data had already been computerized by Paul. Paul does have some of the information on his Macintosh computer, unfortunately, it is not directly transferable to Janet's personal computer (PC).

The discussion on the location of the Officer Williams memorial plaque, which was begun at the last meeting, was continued. It is presently located on a bulletin board near the actual accident. Unfortunately, the surrounding notices sometimes cover the plaque, and detract from the memorial. Lema's market, which is across the street from the present location, was suggested as a possible alternative location. The attendees agreed to pursue the suggestion with the market owner and the police department.

The possibility of grant money to replace damaged/missing pipes connecting the granite posts at the Old Town Cemetery was discussed. Clarence to pursue the grant possibility with the Cemetery Commissioners and the Director of the Department of Public Works and report back to the commission.

New Business

The possible advantage of conducting two commission meeting per month to expedite the projects was raised. It was decided by the attendees that the subcommittees could hold more frequent meetings, if required, and report to the commission at the regular monthly meetings.

Having no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on May 3, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene F. Cormier
EFC, Clerk/Secretary