

Paul Fox, chairman, opened the meeting at 4:08 PM with members, Janet Erickson, David Rego, and Eugene Cormier in attendance.

The minutes of the September 6, 2000 meeting were read and accepted unanimously. The October 4, 2000 meeting was canceled due to the lack of a quorum. The November 1, 2000 "minutes" were informally discussed, but no vote was taken since the meeting was unofficial due to a lack of a quorum.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was briefly reviewed for;

a) Action requirements:

1. Memo from Town Administration Re: FY 2002 Operating Budget. - Operating budget request to be submitted to Town Administrator.
2. Memo from Town Administration Re: FY 2001 Inventory. - No WHC equipment
3. Letter from Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) Re: Ramsdell Shellfish Grant. - No affect
4. Letter from MHC Re: Buck Shellfish Grant.- No affect
5. Letter from Eastham Historical Society Re: Historical Records. - Eastham Historical Society thanks WHC for our letter supporting their grant request to research district historical records for their 350th year celebration.

b) Informational data:

1. Pamphlet on Preservation Forum - Nov. 10 and 11, 2000.
2. Annual Report: Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program

Old Business

The WHC discussed the prior funding request for an Archaeological Survey of Oliver Property (lots 1, and 2) which was forwarded by WHC letter to the Wellfleet Finance Committee and further explained at the Finance Committee meeting on September 6, 2000. After additional discussion, a motion was made, and seconded to "Move that the Wellfleet Historical Commission rescind the motion of 1999 to continue seeking an archaeological survey of the Oliver Property on Old Chequessett Neck Road, and table and hold in abeyance any continued action and pursuit of an archaeological survey on the Oliver Property that was not included in the recently purchased land for Open Space by the Town of Wellfleet". (The reason being, that no financial, or political support is available from the MHC for such an activity. In addition, the Finance Board has indicated that they have no funds for such an expenditure, and there is a lack of philosophical agreement on pursuing such an action.) The attendees unanimously voted for the motion. It was suggested during the discussions that the commission may be able to interest a local college or museum group in a survey of archaeological sensitive items within the town owned portion (lots 3,4, and 5) of the Oliver Property.

Janet reported that she has been discussing the Arts in Wellfleet project with Florence Rich. She also has been working with Betsy Williams to search for additional information. She is drafting the results of these discussions/research, upgrading her notes, and hopes to have the written material ready for the February meeting.

The Monuments and Cemeteries subcommittee provided a sample page layout for review by the commission. The attendees agreed that the approach seemed reasonable. The subcommittee will continue to integrate the photos and the corresponding inscriptions and arrange them in a general map related alignment.

Paul discussed the Pride in Our Schools project with Alan Coriaty, the new Wellfleet Elementary School principal, in October. Mr. Coriaty was interested in the display case approach for presenting the historical school events, but wanted to check with the fire department to ensure the placement of the case would not impede any required evacuations. Paul agreed to review the latest status of the project with Mr. Coriaty.

New Business

The status of the Wellfleet Catholic Church as a historical building was discussed, in light of its closure. The attendees agreed that the WHC should take no action at this time.

During the process of photographing the monuments for the Monuments and Cemeteries booklet it was noted that some of the monuments were very "weather worn". The attendees discussed the need for repair of those monuments which are presently in almost unreadable condition. Following this discussion, a motion was made and seconded to "Move that the Wellfleet Historical Commission correspond with Mr. Timothy Smith, the Town Administrator, to recommend that a portion of the funds appropriated at Town Meeting for monument repair be used to replace or repair the plaque on the rock at the entrance of the Town Hall parking lot". The attendees unanimously voted for the motion.

Paul reminded the attendees that a) they keep notes for the year end report, and b) election of Historical Commission officers will be on the January agenda. The need to request a new member, to replace retired member Marion Parkinson, also was briefly discussed.

Having no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on January 3, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Cormier
EFC, Clerk/Secretary