

September 5, 2001 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

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TOWN CLERK

Paul Fox, chairman, opened the official meeting at 4:10 PM with members Janet Erickson, Clarence Smith, Richard Dickey and Eugene Cormier, in attendance.

Before the business discussions began, the attendees paused to remember the life of Merritt Frazier who passed on in July. We discussed his love for Wellfleet and his vivid recall of its citizens, history and other related events. In addition to his personal memories, which he always enjoyed sharing with his friends, he maintained a personal data collection of the town's history. He was a dear friend, and a valued member of the WHC, as well as the Town of Wellfleet, and will be sorely missed.

The minutes of the June 6, 2001 meeting were read and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence

The correspondence received in July and August was reported by Paul and reviewed for action and/or information only.

- 1) The Archaeology of Boston's Big Dig. A booklet about the archaeology findings during "the big dig". - File
- 2) Letter from the MHC re: Robert Paine's shellfish grant, dated 7/12/01. "Unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources." - File
- 3) Packet from Dept. of Environmental Management, dated 7/25/01 re: Historic Landscape Preservation. Account of development of Olmsted Parks Program in Boston. - No action
- 4) Copy of letter from MHC to Maria Burks dated 8/22/01 re: project on west side of Gull Pond to excavate three well sites, and the potential impact on the area. - File, request copy of report
- 5) Notice from MHC re: 2001 Historic Preservation Conference at UMASS, Amherst, Friday September 28, 2001. - No action
- 6) Letter from Department of the Interior dated Aug. 27, 2001 re: National Seashore Zoning Standards. The letter enclosed a list of questions raised at the Property Owners Meeting on June 28, 2001. - Copies will be made for all WHC members.
- 7) Memo from Town Administrator indicating that the Special Town Meeting will be on October 22, 2001. No action
- 8) Cape Cod Commission Reporter, July 5, 2001. Article on Strengthening the "Growth Center" Concept. An development of growth from "large-lot residential development" to "village-like developments". - File
- 9) Letter from MHC dated June 19, 2001 re: Project Shirttail Point which will not affect archaeological or historic resources. - File
- 10) Letter from Charles O'Malia, dated August 18, 2001, requesting help locating a number of magazines for his historic research. - Paul to answer his request - no magazines available
- 11) Memos (2) indicating the financial status of the WHC which includes the budget for the new fiscal year. - File
- 12) Bank Statement, covering the dates 7/1/01 to 7/30/01, from Sovereign Bank indicating that WHC has a balance of \$346.05 in the Municipal Money Market Account. - File

Old Business

The members discussed possible Grant support for present WHC projects. During this discussion, it was suggested that the Arts in Wellfleet project might be able to obtain a grant, from the "Cultural Council", to assist in gathering data (e.g., individuals, contributions, time frame, etc.) which identifies Wellfleet's historical contributions over the years. Janet volunteered to pursue the possibility and obtain an application from Betsy Williams. Possible grant sources to assist in the publication of the Monuments and Memorial brochure were also discussed. However, the map(s) generation/sourcing should be defined and additional publishing cost estimates obtained to provide a preliminary "total cost" estimate before a grant is "formally" requested.

As follow up to an earlier discussion on the copyright status of both of Earl Rich's Cape Cod Echoes, Janet reported that Thompsons Printing has the rights to each of these publications, and therefore could as they had suggested, combine the two for reprinting. The WHC members agree with the Thompson's suggestion but recommend that the Wellfleet Historic Society be contacted for their input on the question prior to any response. Janet said she would contact Helen Purcell about Thompson's suggestion.

Although the business items; a) Commission's involvement in the "Catholic Church" and b) listing of all "Historically Significant Buildings", were not addressed by the membership, the attendees decided, due to the "time crunch", to continue the agenda at the next regular meeting. The attendees voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on October 3, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Cormier

EFC, Clerk/Secretary