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October 3, 2001 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

TOWN CLERK

Paul Fox, Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:15 with members David Rego, Clarence Smith, and Richard Dickey in attendance. Richard Robicheau, a member of the Wellfleet Historical Review Committee, attended as an interested spectator.

The reading and acceptance of September 5, 2001 regular meeting minutes were postponed until the November meeting due to the absence of the WHC Secretary.

The correspondence was presented and reviewed and consisted of two letters received. One letter was a copy of a reply posted to Ms. Eleanor Stefani of The Colony, dated September 10, 2001, from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) to inform her of the process to place a property on the National Register, which included contacting the Wellfleet Historical Commission.

The second letter received was from Ms. Eleanor Stefani of The Colony, dated October 3, 2001, to bring WHC's attention to the very strong possibility that one of the structures that has been part of The Colony is to be demolished. Ms. Stefani notes in her letter that this demolition could affect the historic importance and significance of The Colony.

Three letters were written and posted by the Chairman. One was to Douglas Franklin, thanking him for sharing his literary project about Lower Cape Authors. The second was to Charles O'Malia informing him that his request for copies of historical magazines could not be filled by the WHC. The third letter was to Eudora Lussier thanking her for her gift of two photographs of Wellfleet students, and an article by Earl Rich.

#### Old Business

Committee Reports included the following. Richard Dickey made contact with Ms. Schofield of Eastham (255 - 0175) concerning working with her to find more information about Wellfleet as it was included in the History of Eastham, as Eastham was the name of the town that included both Wellfleet and Eastham at an earlier time. Mr. Dickey also shared that Eastham received a grant for \$ 9000.00 to teach photograph restoration. There will be meetings on ~~Tuesday~~, October 18, and Tuesday, October 23 from 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM at the Eastham Town Hall. Yvonne should be called at 240 - 5900 to make reservations. Thursday

Paul Fox brought an automobile map of Wellfleet as a possible map for the Memorial booklet. He also brought an application for grants from the Wellfleet Cultural Council as a possible source of funds for some of the WHC projects.

Clarence Smith mentioned the development of another project. Both he and Richard Dickey indicated a strong interest in researching how the areas between the early islands of Wellfleet have been filled in since 1620.

The Chairman stated that the WHC should contact the Wellfleet Historical Society for permission to research their archives for any information on the creation of a Wellfleet Historical District. It is important that those files, if available to the WHC, should be updated and defined in a way that all registered buildings can be easily and readily identified for the Building Inspector and any research other town committees may need to accomplish. All historic buildings should be further identified with the street numbers that are currently assigned to buildings in the town.

#### New Business

The earlier mentioned letters involving The Colony, and Ms. Eleanor Stefani were discussed. Richard Robicheau, a member of the Historical Review Committee joined the discussion. There were two issues at hand. The first was the possibility that the demolition of one of the cottages would significantly alter the historic significance of the entire complex. The second was the development of the material necessary for The Colony to be nominated for acceptance on the National Register. Both letters were accepted as important to the charge of the WHC.

After a lengthy discussion, and the consideration of several motions, Clarence Smith moved that "a special meeting of the WHC should be planned and posted for October 17, 2001, at 4:00 PM at the Library Meeting Room for the purpose of further discussion of The Colony, and as a way to give all members a chance to attend after doing more research." The motion was seconded by Richard Dickey and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Clarence Smith made a second motion. "That the chairman should make contact with Ms. Eleanor Stefani to arrange a site visit to the colony so as to have an opportunity to see first hand the historical, architectural, and artistic strengths of The Colony Complex. And that a plot plan should be available at the time of the site visit. The visit should be on Monday, October 8, 2001, at a time convenient to Ms. Stefani." The motion was seconded by Richard Dickey and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Having no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38.

Respectfully submitted,

PBF, Acting Secretary