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December 5, 2001 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC) TOWN CLERK

Paul Fox, chairman, opened the official meeting at 4:04 PM with members Janet Erickson, Clarence Smith, Richard Dickey, David Rego, and Eugene Cormier, in attendance. Four visitors, Alan Dodge, Anne White, Lezli Rowell, and Richard Asmann, also were present. Alan Dodge and Anne White were interested in joining the commission; Lezli Rowell, home owner, and Richard Asmann, the building inspector, were present to discuss the renovation of the Rowell's house at 595 Gull Pond Road.

Clarence made a motion, which was approved, to discuss the New Business agenda item, "Renovation review of David Rowell's house on Gull Pond Road" as the first item of business. Lezli explained that the addition would be on the same style as, and located at the back of, the existing historic house. During the discussions, Paul asked Richard Asmann, beside "historic preservation", why the building inspector had referred the application to the WHC. Richard responded that the application was referred to find out whether the WHC felt, there may be a potential "regional impact", due to its historic listing, which needed Cape Cod Commission review. After further discussion and based upon the November 28 site visitation by the commission members, the attendees agreed unanimously that the addition, per the plan, provides historic preservation, should cause no regional impact, and therefore no referral to Cape Cod Commission is recommended. The WHC agreed to send a letter to the building inspector regarding our decision.

The minutes of the September 5, 2001 meeting were read and accepted unanimously. The minutes of the October 3, 2001 regular meeting and the October 17, 2001 special meeting were also read and accepted by a voice vote. The November 7, 2001 scheduled meeting became a "non-meeting" due to the lack of a quorum, and therefore no minutes are required.

Correspondence

The correspondence received in October and November was reported by Paul. One, a letter from Massachusetts Historic Commission dated October 30, 2001 concerning the "Fiscal Year 2002 Survey and Planning Grant" cycle, should be investigated as a possible grant source for our Arts in Wellfleet and Monuments and Memorials projects. An application form was included with the letter.

The WHC sent a letter to Mr. Timothy Smith dated October 18, 2001 regarding the decision made on October 17, 2001 to recommend a delay of demolition and construction of Unit #10 abutting The Colony on Chequessett Neck Road. Included with the recommendation was a seven point rationale for the decision. Copies of this letter were sent to the Wellfleet Building Inspector, the Planning Board, and the Historical Review Board.

Old Business

Janet stated that she had talked with Helen Purcell about Thompson's Printing suggestion to combine both of Earl Rich's Cape Cod Echoes for reprinting. Helen said she would discuss the suggestion with other Historical Society members for their reaction and get back to Janet. This action was in response to WHC's earlier recommendation that the Wellfleet Historical Society be contacted for their input prior to a WHC response to Thompson's Printing suggestion.

As follow up to earlier discussions, Richard reported that he understands Merritt's postcard collection will be left to Michael Parlante and the photographs are to be distributed to the family members. Richard said that he will talk with the family members and see whether it would be possible to get copies made of the historical photographs. He also suggested, if copies can be made, that the commission consider generating a brochure of the photos in memory of Merritt.

New Business

Eugene reported on the Workshops on Photo and Document Restoration which was hosted by the Eastham Historic Society on October 18, and 23, 2001 respectively. A trip report was provided and briefly discussed with the WHC attendees.

Paul reported on the Town of Wellfleet management conference/retreat which was held off-site at the Cape Cod Technical School, Harwich, in October. Paul explained that the purpose was to bring the various committee chairmen/representatives together to discuss long range plans and to focus on an implementation course. The selectmen are planning two more meetings, one each in February and March. Brewster stated that the first meeting "opened the lines of communication between groups/committees".

Paul provided a draft WHC report for the Annual Town Book. The attendees reviewed and provided comments on the draft. The updated report will be submitted in response to Jeanne May's November 1, 2001 memo, defining a December 14th deadline for reports to be included in the 2001 Town Book.

Since it was getting late, the attendees voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on January 2, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary