

February 13, 2002 - Special Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)
(Make-up Meeting of canceled Feb. 6, 2002 Regularly Scheduled Meeting)

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Paul Fox, Chairman, opened the meeting at 4:10 PM with members Janet Erickson, Clarence Smith, Richard Dickey and Anne White in attendance. Anne White was welcomed and introduced to all as the newest appointed member.

The minutes of the December 5, 2001 regular meeting were read and accepted unanimously. The January 2, 2002 scheduled meeting was not an official meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Old Business

A discussion of some of the material that has been collected brought about the possibility of arranging the reproduction of some of Merritt Frazier's photograph collection. More discussion of this project will be included in future meetings.

New Business

Richard Dickey and Clarence Smith proposed that the WHC develop a topographical map showing the early colonies of Wellfleet, and how the town was really a series of islands. The map will show what the topography was like during the 1600s, and will show all the water areas colored in blue. Richard brought a topographic map to the meeting, and explained past and present fragility of Wellfleet in regard of the "hollows," and how an alternative herring run was established from Gull Pond down to Herring River near the Junction of Route 6 and Gull Pond Road.

A suggestion was made to recognize L. D. Baker for all he has done for the town. Perhaps the bronze plaque in the Town Hall could be refurbished. Recognition of the new stone and marker at Keller's Corner for L. D. Baker was discussed.

Richard Dickey gave a short history of the Herring River Clean-up Project. Suggestions were made that this activity should be continued.

The WHC continues to look for maps and map enlargements to be used in some of the ongoing and the future projects of the WHC.

The discussion concerning an election and the development of a slate of officers took some time. The present Chairman, Paul Fox, requested that a member replace him until the end of the year, and then he would be glad to continue as Chair. His reason was that he was getting stale, and needed some space to clarify his role as Chairperson. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted unanimously that the March 6th meeting be used to further discuss the organization of the WHC, and that a slate of officers be developed for an election at the April 3 meeting.

Paul gave a list of all buildings in the Historic District to members. This list will be updated to include the newly assigned street numbers, and present owners, and will be completed over the next two months. This completed list will then become part of the Historic District file, and be given to the Building Inspector for use in his office. This activity must be done while there are people in town who can identify the past, and present owners, and the locations of the buildings. This will need some research at the Town Hall.

Having no other business before the WHC, the members voted to adjourn at 5:40 PM.
The next regular meeting will be held on March 6, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

PBF, Chairman and Acting Secretary