

March 6, 2002 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

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David Rego, Vice Chairman, opened the official meeting at 4:25 PM with members Janet Erickson, Clarence Smith, Richard Dickey, Anne White, and Eugene Cormier, in attendance.

The minutes of the February 13, 2002 special meeting, which was a make-up meeting of the canceled February 6, 2002 regular meeting, were read and accepted unanimously.

#### Correspondence

David reported on the correspondence received in February. Two of the items, the bank statement, covering the dates 2/1/02 to 2/28/02, from the Sovereign Bank indicating that the WHC has a balance of \$351.28 in the Municipal Money Market Account, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission publication, "State Register of Historical Places 2001", will be maintained in the WHC file.

#### Old Business

Richard reported that Merritt Frazier's photograph collection will be distributed to the family members. During discussions with one of the family, Richard learned that the WHC may be able to copy some of the historical photographs during the May/June time period. Janet suggested the possibility of copying the photographs with her computer, which is configured with a scanner, photoshop program, and a CD burner.

The Memorial and Monuments, (M&M), subcommittee reported that they are awaiting a baseline cost-estimate reply from the Shank Painter Printers. The committee is continuing to generate the narrative for the remaining "open areas" to provide a first draft of the planned M&M brochure.

#### New Business

The Richard brought an early 1800s chart to the meeting, which included the lower Cape land and surrounding waters. Richard pointed out the various Wellfleet water accesses areas with the bay, which resulted in a number of small "harbors" and adjacent islands. The proposal is to research, develop, and document a topographical map showing what the topography was like and how the early town of Wellfleet was really a series of island colonies.

Janet and Anne reported on their efforts to identify the new street numbers and present owners of the buildings within the central Historic District. They have obtained copies of the town maps within the central area from the assessors office, but are experiencing difficulty in converting the "plot" numbering to the newly assigned street numbers. It was suggested that Slade Surveyors who developed the maps for the town may be able to help explain how to perform the conversion. They also had walked some of the downtown area in an attempt to make the conversion by physical location comparison. It appears that it may require a combination of map research, historical memory, and physical location comparison. Janet and Anne agreed to visit the Slade Surveyors for input and report back

to the commission and, if necessary, "assign" areas for the various commission members, to split up the physical location comparisons.

The members next discussed the development of a slate of officers for election at the April 3rd meeting. After some discussion about honoring Paul's request "to replace him as Chair for the rest of this year" and thereby "provide him some space to clarify his role as Chairperson", Janet agreed to accept the Chair position, if the commission would break-up the work assignments to help perform some of the tasks. The commission then decided to restructure and develop a Co-Vice Chairperson approach, which would be provided by Anne and Richard, to assist the Chairperson. Additional details, if required, would be settled at the regular April monthly meeting.

Since it was getting late, the attendees voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on April 3, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary