

October 2, 2002 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

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Janet Erickson, chairperson, called the official meeting to order at 4:13 PM with members Paul Fox, Richard Dickey, Clarence Smith, Anne White, and Eugene Cormier in attendance.

The minutes of the September 18, 2002 meeting were read by the members. During the reading, Richard pointed out that the "old photos" he had received from Charlie Wiley and brought to the meeting to be scanned into a computer for the WHC were not mentioned. After a brief discussion, the attendees agreed that the accidental omission of the "old photos" receipt could be included in the October meeting minutes, and therefore accepted the September minutes as written.

Correspondence

Paul reported that the WHC had received no correspondence in September.

Old Business

Anne reported that she was unable to attend the Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Conference held in New Bedford on September 27-28, 2002 due to illness.

Janet discussed her efforts to reproduce the Charlie Wiley "old photos". She stated that some of the photos, which included the ~~Wiley~~ Harding house and "old" Wellfleet residents, were in poor shape and she could have problems providing reasonable scanned images.

Janet has continued to examine the contents of the WHC file and other historical data in her pursuit of the central district historical identification project. She discussed the availability of specific data required for the central district registration with Helen Purcell. Helen said the information was sent to the state MHC for approval and then was forwarded to the national level. The contact at the MHC was Betsey Friedman and that WHC had sent approximately 700 house photos; unfortunately, duplicate copies of the photos/data cannot be obtained from MHC. The only way to obtain data is to visit and take notes. Helen, in response to a question of listed house style, said she didn't know of any house style listed incorrectly and that Durand Echeverria's house profile information should be in the Wellfleet Historical Society. When questioned about whether the Baker "elephant" house was originally submitted, Helen responded that Jake Dalby had built it, but no paper work was available for filing. Helen said registration takes a lot of work; for example she had spent six summers getting the data/paperwork together for the subject filing. She also pointed out that house plaques are available from the Wellfleet Historic Society. Requests must be verified through the Historical Society; once verified the owner sends \$25.00 to the MHC.

For Richard Bell
"Dickens"

Richard reported that he had reviewed the Historic Building project with Richmond Bell. Richmond, as a teenager, worked a paper route in the town and therefore has great knowledge of the individual house owners. Richard provided Janet with a copy of Richmond's identification updates to the draft. Richard also noted that Richmond has expressed an interest in joining the WHC and raised the question of whether the WHC could request an alternate membership position from town hall. Paul said that he would pursue the question with the town clerk. In the interim, the attendees suggested that Richmond attend our meetings as an interested observer.

Having no other business before the WHC, the attendees voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM. The next regular meeting of the commission will be held in the Wellfleet library at 4:00 PM on December 4, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary

