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December 4, 2002 - Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

Richard Dickey, vice Co-Chairperson, called the official meeting to order at 4:05 PM with members Paul Fox, Clarence Smith, and Eugene Cormier in attendance. Richmond Bell also attended as an interested observer. He stated, in response to Richard's question, that he hasn't applied for alternate membership yet, but will attend our meetings as an observer and historical advisor in the interim.

The minutes of the November 6, 2002 meeting were read and accepted by the attendees.

Correspondence

Paul reported on the November correspondence:

1- Copy of letter from MHC dated November 8, 2002 to Maria Burks, Superintendent re: Aquifer System Survey Project, Truro, Provincetown, Wellfleet, and Eastham, MHC #RC29199. "The Survey recovered no archaeological materials related to the Native American settlement of the lower Cape..no additional archaeological investigations are warranted for the tested areas." Although a few shards of refuse nature were found in shovel test pits, it may be important to watch these activities of the National Park.

2- Paul, in response to last months action, drafted and sent a WHC letter to Robert Hubby of the Open Space Committee (OSC) requesting copies or notification of correspondence to MHC as a way to keep the WHC knowledgeable about the areas being considered for purchase by the Open Space Committee. In this way, we can help the OSC by providing historical information of the proposed areas.

Old Business

The attendees, in support of the annual town report, discussed the activities of the WHC in 2002 and settled on a list of salient inputs for the report. Paul volunteered to provide a rough draft based on these inputs for Janet to finalize.

Paul reported on the progress of the historic building identification project. Janet had organized the duplicate copies of the original Wellfleet Historical District documentation which she had received from MHC. Anne then took the organized documentation to Staples to generate two copies and insert into two loose leaf binders for the central district historic house identification project. The attendees voted to thank Anne for copying, two sided pages, and assembling the documentation into two binders to facilitate review by the WHC members. It was a sizeable task. The attendees, after briefly reviewing the two binders, decided that the new information when augmented by the "pictorial map" approach should greatly enhance the house identification process; however, the process will still require a fair amount of time and effort. The attendees agreed that the members should review the house identification data at home and prepare for the next meeting.

Sec. 7, p. 14 - Add "watering trough, owned by the American Legion, in front of the Left Bank Gallery on Commercial Street originally was located in Gardinier Square" to the list of artifacts.

Sec. 8, p. 5 - "Bridge" should be "ridge."

Sec. 8, p. 5 - "Railroad dike" should be "railroad dike, or causeway, and trestle."

Having no other business before the WHC, the attendees voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM. The next regular meeting of the commission will be held in the Wellfleet Library at 4:00 PM on March 5, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Fox
Acting Secretary