

April 16, 2003 - Special Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

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A special meeting of the WHC originally was posted to meet with Gina Coyle, and discuss her article in the Cape Cod Voice advocating protection for the houses, within the Cape Cod National Seashore, reflecting a historic "modernist" architecture from destruction. Robert Hankey and Eleanor Stefani, The Colony owners, were also invited to attend and present the status of their similar efforts to "save" a historic house of "modernist" architecture from being demolished in their area. They were unable to attend the special meeting due to personal commitments, but agreed to attend the next regular WHC meeting on May 7, 2003.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM on April 16, 2003. Unfortunately, when Gina arrived, the Commission lacked a quorum and thus not able to open an official meeting. Therefore, the three attendees started an informal "meeting" with Gina. Gina described how she became involved with the Kuhn house transfer to the National Seashore, and her research, and networking with architectural societies gathering historic house data. She saved all the research data, over approximately a three year period, on computer CDs. She ultimately contacted the MHC to inform them of the National Seashore's intent to demolish the Kuhn house and provided them with a CD copy of her research data. The MHC posted a letter, on March 21, 2003, to the Cape Cod National Seashore requesting that the National Park Service submit information for MHC review and comment concerning the Kuhn house and the Hatch house.

A fourth member mistakenly arrived for a 4:00 PM meeting (our usual time). By that time, Gina had nearly completed her presentation, but did review the highlights with the late arriver, before she had to leave at 4:30 PM. Prior to her departure, Gina supplied the WHC with two CD copies of her research data and a copy of the MHC letter to the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Although an official meeting was not called, an informative meeting was provided on an informal basis. The attendees agreed informally to discuss the meeting with the WHC members at the next regular meeting, to see whether the WHC would issue a letter to the Cape Cod National Seashore, in support of Gina Coyle's position.

Respectfully submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary