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Janet Erickson, Chairperson, called the official meeting to order at 4:05 PM with members Paul Fox, Clarence Smith, Richard Dickey, Anne White, Eugene Cormier, and Charles Mulligan in attendance. Richmond Bell and Eleanor Stefani also were in attendance; Richmond was an interested observer, and Eleanor was an invited guest. Charles was welcomed by the attendees as a new member to the commission.

Paul made a motion, which was approved, to discuss the Old Business agenda item, "Designation of Historic Districts in Wellfleet - The Colony, Eleanor Stefani" as the first item of business. Eleanor explained that, due to her personal relationship with the Kuhn family and the similar events relating to historic preservation of houses of "modernist" architecture, she agreed to a request from The Cape Cod Voice to be interviewed and include The Colony in a companion article to the Gina Coyle story describing her crusade to preserve the historically significant Kuhn house from destruction. Eleanor then detailed the status of her application to designate The Colony as historic buildings. Following the receipt of the WHC letter, she hired a lawyer and was able to effect a "stay" on the proposed destruction of the former Colony house. This resulted in a counter suit by the client, which stalled the proceedings. The lawyers then devised a plan to "bridge the stalemate"; The Colony had to restore the house in question to an inhabitable state, (fix roof leak), so the client could live in the house until the law suits are settled. Meanwhile, Eleanor stated that the "Massachusetts Historic Commission, (MHC), has accepted the historic designation request." However, it is our understanding that MHC has not yet reviewed the application for designation approval. Eleanor, in response to Paul's request, agreed to "keep the WHC in the loop" and to provide the WHC with copies of the application submitted to, and response received from, the MHC.

The minutes of the April 2, 2003 meeting were read and accepted, by a majority voice vote. The minutes of the April 16, 2003 special meeting, although unofficial due to the lack of a quorum, were read by the attendees and accepted for file by a voice vote.

#### Correspondence

Paul reported on the correspondence received in April:

- 1) Cape Cod Commission Reporter, dated April 20, 2003. Article indicating "The Tenth Annual Cape Cod Maritime Days are scheduled for May 10 through May 18, 2003". Event schedule will be in the local newspapers.
- 2) Brochure announcing the Bay State Historical League Annual Meeting and Conference on Monday June 9, 2003 at the American Textile Museum, in Lowell.
- 3) Brochure from Massachusetts Archive re: Celebrating History: Anniversaries to Educate, Promote, and Preserve History on May 9, 2003 at Merrimack College in North Andover. Conference focus will be on "Local History in the New Economy."
- 4) Brochure from MHC titled Preservation Advocate. A pamphlet from MHC containing articles on Post War Housing and announcing Grant Workshops.
- 5) Letter dated March 14, 2003 from Jack Ahern, Professor and Department Head of Landscaping Architecture and Regional Planning at the University of Massachusetts informing the WHC about the project concerning the Lower Cape involving UMASS professors, students, and The National Park Service. - WHC should keep in touch with the projects' progress. The next public meeting is May 9, 2003 at 5:00 PM in the Wellfleet Library.

#### Old Business

Paul reported on his ride around some of the west portion of the town, with the "911 house ID committee", to check that house numbers were in accordance with the assessors maps and properly displayed. He described the details of the route and commented on how time consuming the task was. The central historic district will have to be checked in a similar fashion as part of the historic building identification project

Janet reported on the efforts to obtain the "missing" photos for the historic building identification project. Janet stated that she needs to contact Mrs. Seyfert and the Wellfleet Historical Society to see whether either has photos or negatives of the historic houses in question. If not, she suggested, that she could provide line drawings of the houses for the report. She showed us her drawing of the Masonic hall as an example of this approach; it would be great, but appears to be a very labor intensive approach considering the number of drawings required.

#### New Business

Clarence suggested that the Monuments and Memorial project re-address the question of placement of the Police Officer Charles William memorial plaque. The commission feels that the present location on a bulletin board, often partially covered with fliers, doesn't provide the appropriate respect for a memorial plaque.

The attendees discussed the status of the commission; it appears that we now may have eight, (Vs seven), full time members assigned to the commission. An action item was suggested to check on the status of each member's termination date, and if there are eight full time members assigned, to work with Town Hall to resolve the situation.

Having no other business before the WHC, the attendees voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. The next regular meeting of the commission will be held in the Wellfleet library at 4:00 PM on June 4, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary