

January 7, 2004 - Regular meeting of Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

Ann White, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM with members Janet Erickson, David Rego and Clarence Smith in attendance.

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The minutes of the December 3, 2003 meeting were read and accepted by voice vote.

Corresponding Secretary Brewster Fox being away, there was no correspondence to be reported. He had submitted to the Chairman a copy of the report of THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION that he had written and delivered to the Town Hall by December 18 as requested, for inclusion in the Annual Town Report. He also provided for members copies of the "Questions Raised at the FIRST ANNUAL STATE OF THE HARBOR CONFERENCE held on November 8th, 2003" as requested at the last meeting. Janet will collect correspondence from WHC box in Town Hall in advance of February and March meetings, which Brewster will not be in town to attend but has already posted.

#### Old Business

Ann reported having reviewed the latest mock-up of proposed MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS GUIDE, and noted some additional clarification is needed to make directions to various sites easier to follow. She had given mock-up to Clarence, who will pass it on to Richard Dickey for further corrections and suggestions. There was discussion about listing various "memorial benches" in a separate section of the GUIDE; decision was deferred. Janet reported that Joan Hopkins Coughlin had sent her information about Schoolhouse Memorial placed on Bound Brook Island by her uncle, Nehemiah Hopkins. Clarence mentioned desirability of including more information that he will try to find, about MIA Memorial in South Wellfleet. Clarence also reported he had spoken to Mike May, Park Commission, about possibility of Town workers caring for some neglected and overgrown markers, particularly the SEAMAN'S MEMORIAL at Mayo's Beach. Janet raised possibility of providing Global Positioning Co-ordinates for each site, wondering if this would be helpful and/or practical?

Clarence Smith reported that he and Richard Dickey are continuing to work with Survey maps, planning for possible Maps and Guides, or narrative Reports locating LOST PONDS and HIDDEN SPRINGS of Wellfleet, and some of the long gone WINDMILLS and WATER MILLS.

The HISTORIC DISTRICT HOUSE identification list is still in review. Janet hopes to have complete list ready for February meeting, including information about houses that had been moved from original sites on Billingsgate, Bound Brook Island and other places.

#### New Business

Clarence presented letter to him from Jeffrey White offering his non-confidential papers from his recent term as Selectman to become part of the Historical Commission Archive. This led to discussion of need for proper storage of existing Archive materials and for an actual Wellfleet Historical Commission Archive and Meeting Room, ideally in the Library, possibly in the Town Hall, #335 Main Street or the DPW Building. Many people in Town have documents and material that may not be appropriate for The HISTORICAL SOCIETY but could be of lasting value if available in a secure, well-organized "Historical Commission Archive". Consensus was reached that WHC needs to explore this possibility, meanwhile acceptance of Jeffrey White's generous offer was deferred to next meeting.

There being no other business before the WHC, the members voted to adjourn at 5:05 PM. The next regular meeting will be held in the Wellfleet Library meeting room at 4:00 PM on February 4, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

JDE, temporary Clerk/Secretary