

February 4, 2004 – Regular Meeting of the Wellfleet Historical Commission (WHC)

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Meeting was called to order at 5:05 by Janet Erickson, Co-chair. Present were commission members Richard Dickey, Charles Mulligan, David Rego, Clarence Smith, and guest Richmond Bell. Eleanor Stefani and Robert Hankey joined meeting at 4:40.

Minutes of January 7, 2004 Meeting were read and approved by voice vote.

Correspondence: NOTES from MEETING OF HISTORICAL COMMISSIONS

regarding National Register Districts and possibilities of using this designation as a powerful, possibly dangerous, preservation tool. Place and date of this meeting not given

A request from Assistant Town Administrator for a member of Historical Commission to serve on newly created Local Comprehensive Planning Committee. Charles Mulligan volunteered and was accepted.

STATEMENT received from SOVEREIGN BANK reporting that Town of Wellfleet Historical Commission has \$358.62 in a Money Market Fund.

Two letters were received from Jeffrey White: one repeating his offer of appropriate papers from his tenure as Selectman, the second accompanying biographical sketches about Rev Josiah Oakes and John Latimer from Sibley's HARVARD GRADUATES for our archives. David Rego will thank Mr. White, and note that we are waiting for space to suitably house such donations.

Richard Dickey reported he had received a letter from Mr. Ernest Bauer requesting help in collecting and organizing information and anecdotes helpful to volunteer Guides who conduct "Walking around Old Wellfleet Tours". Richard agreed to meet with Mr. Bauer in answer to this request.

The Agenda was changed to now consider New Business:

Eleanor Stefanie and Robert Hankey were present to discuss their request that WHC nominate their property, THE COLONY, on Chequessett Neck Road a **District of Critical Planning Concern**. It was noted that Brewster Fox had sent an e-mail on January 21 reporting to WHC members that Wellfleet Zoning Board of Appeals and other Town officials were aware of this request. Sarah Korjoff of the Cape Cod Commission is said to support this designation because of the of the acknowledged and well documented Architectural and Historical importance of this property. A Wellfleet Town Board, most appropriately the Historical Commission, must nominate a property for consideration as a **District of Critical Planning Concern**. The WHC recommended six month "Stay of Demolition" will

be in effect four more months. General discussion resulted in consensus of members that we support the COLONY request, but want to very carefully use the power inherent in setting aside any property, or any area, as a **District of Critical Planning Concern**. It was further agreed that the COLONY owners would present a formal written request to the Commission justifying such a designation. Upon receiving this request the Commission members will hold a special meeting, if necessary, to act on this request, noting that time for action is short. The Board of Selectmen would be informed of our action.

Old Business:

- A. Clarence Smith reported he found two minor errors in MONUMENTS and MEMORIALS GUIDE and gave it for review to Richard Dickey, who will pass it on to Charles Mulligan.
- B. Richmond Bell presented several thoughtfully annotated pages of additional notes to be incorporated in revised Historic Houses list. Members took lists to review. Janet distributed new map of central Wellfleet with Historic District clearly indicated. This will hopefully soon be part of WHC web site information, along with explanation of various State and National Listings and Registers and Areas.
- C. WHC need for Archive space was again noted. Clarence Smith, our representative on #335 Committee reported that discussion is ongoing about possible uses of space in that town building.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05

Respectfully submitted by Charles Mulligan, acting secretary / JDE