

Minutes of the Wellfleet Historical Commission, Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

In attendance were members Richard Dickey, Clarence Smith, Anne White, David Rego and Janet Erickson-Chair *Erin Connors*.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2004 were read and accepted.

The minutes of the special meeting on February 11, 2004 were read and accepted. Clarence Smith noted that in regards to the The Colony owner's request for the Historic Commission's nomination of their property as a DCPC, it is the owner's responsibility to write up the Implementing Regulations that will apply if the area is declared a DCPC.

Correspondence was shared, most notably a letter from the Department of the Interior regarding three houses within the Seashore Park. The Department requested us to review the material provided and "concur with the above stated determination of ineligibility respecting the Kuhn, Weidlinger and Hatch houses" (ineligibility as it applies to placement on the National Register of Historic Places.)

I don't recall a decision made by the committee in regards to concurring or not. The letter also stated that the Weidlinger house is slated for demolition "as it is located in a sensitive natural resource area".

On to Old Business:

Discussion of The Colony's request for nomination as a DCPC and related matters: Janet Erickson shared correspondence between herself and Sarah Korjeff, Preservation Specialist from the Cape Cod Commission. Sarah has offers to meet with us to discuss the DCPC process and answer any questions.

Discussion among members included the concurs that the Cape Cod Commission has no tool for dissolving a DCPC once it is in place, that there is no other model from any other body of a DCPC and what it could be like, and if The Colony is accepted as a state historic site by the MCHC would that be protection enough. It is currently on the waiting list.

Discussion of the Monuments Brochure:

Janet Erickson reported progress on the brochure and showed the Commission her current mock up with a "cleaner" look inside. She had a quote from Thompson Printer's for \$5000 to print.

Other possible resources for a printer were recommended. Our own Leapfrog Press in Wellfleet (Ira Wood) was suggested. Clarence Smith said he had a call from Dale Donovan who had a recommendation. No name was mentioned.

Discussion of the List of Central District Houses Update:

Janet Erickson suggested publication of "A Guide to the History of Wellfleet with Notes on Architectural Landmarks". She again shared with us a wonderful mock up of her concept. Suggestions were made to seek advice from local publisher Ira Wood. Clarence Smith recommended combining it with Richmond Bell's update of houses in the Historic District; "Building Changes in Wellfleet Central District as Recalled in My Lifetime".

Discussion of the WHICH on the town website.

We will try to get a map of the Paine Hollow and Central District on our website.

Discussion of other Committee Reports:

Richard Dickey reported on the Light House Coffee Crew meeting with a Mr. Bauer who works with the Wellfleet Historical Society on a volunteer basis doing historical walks through town. Richard Dickey, Brewster Fox and Clarence Smith apparently kept Mr. Bauer an eager captive while they added to his knowledge of Wellfleet's history.

Discussion of the 335 Main Street Committee's progress:

Anne White gave a progress report on 335 Main Street's desire to build a park on the site of the former Our Lady of Lourde's Church. This will serve to keep the town's focus on this crucial piece of property and it's potential to do something that will enhance our village. 335 wishes to use the park not only for relaxation and recreation but also as a tool to teach about the issues surrounding this property.

Adjournment at 5: 45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann White