

October 6, 2004 – Regular Meeting of Wellfleet Historical Commission

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Janet Erickson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM with members Paul Fox, Clarence Smith, Anne White, and Eugene Cormier in attendance. Cynthia Cocivera, Tracy Vanderschmidt, and Richard Robicheau, Wellfleet Historic Review Board, also attended as interested observers.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2004 were read and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence

Paul reported on and summarized the correspondence received since the last regular meeting, (See attachment). He also described the two letters written to the Board of Selectmen in response to actions voted on at the last regular meeting. One of the letters notifies the Selectmen that the Historical Commission is short one member. The other letter requests that, after a unanimous vote by the Historical Commission, "the 2004 Town Book be dedicated to Richard Dickey for all his contributions to the Town of Wellfleet as Shellfish Warden, and long standing member of the Historical Commission."

Old Business

The members, by unanimous vote, selected Paul as replacement for the open co-chairman position.

Janet suggested a few procedural changes, for discussion, that could provide for more efficient meetings. After a short discussion, the members agreed to try the following changes:

- To provide the meeting minutes to the members within two weeks of the meeting to permit member review/preparation before the next meeting.
- To define "open meeting" time for comment/input by non-Commission personnel on issues relating to and/or affecting the speakers. The open meeting "defined" time would generally be after the Commission discussion and before the Commission votes on the issue.

The status of the Colony DCPC nomination was briefly discussed. On August 19, 2004, the Cape Cod Commission members voted not to accept the Colony DCPC nomination, but to return the nomination to the Town with Comments. They stated in their September 14, 2004 letter to the WHC that the Historical Commission and the Town could choose to meet with the property owners and resubmit the nomination to the Cape Cod Commission either with redefined boundaries or with further information and justification, or pursue other means of protecting these resources outside of the DCPC process. Richard Robicheau stated that the Colony owners do not wish to redefine the boundaries and the owners of buildings #8 and #10 do not wish to be included in the DCPC nomination. The Colony DCPC nomination apparently is a closed issue.

Janet reported that Lisa Benson, the printer who has been working the Quark format update, has been sick and unavailable for any meetings on the Monuments and Memorials Guide. Janet has been rewriting the text where possible to describe the history of the individual monuments rather than just listing the inscriptions.

Richard promised to provide the WHC with a copy of the historic house list used by the Historic Review Board. The WHC plans to use the list for comparison with, and final review of the Historic Central District update project.

Clarence volunteered to contact Charles Mulligan to inquire whether Charles' school schedule is compatible with the WHC regular meeting schedule. If not, Clarence will explore the possibility of Charles becoming an alternate, rather than a full member of the Commission.

New Business

The members discussed the bill recently enacted by the legislature, which would allow Cape communities the option of switching their participation in the Land Bank Act for adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Article 6 of the special Town Meeting, to be held on October 18, 2004, is to see whether the Town wishes to take the first step of switching to the CPA in place of the existing Land Bank Act. Since this action would provide some funding for historic preservation, the Historical Commission has been asked to provide a recommendation to the town meeting. After discussing the question in some length, the Commission recommends the article on a 4 to 1 vote.

Having no other business before the WHC, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM. The next regular meeting will be held in the Wellfleet Library meeting room at 4:00 PM on November 3, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary