

December 7, 2005 - Regular Meeting of Wellfleet Historical Commission

Janet Erickson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM with members Cynthia Cocivera, Betsy Cole, Eugene Cormier, and Ashley Fawkes Sylver in attendance. Ashley was congratulated and welcomed as a new member of the WHC.

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The minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2005 were read and accepted unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Cynthia stated that the present balance of the WHC account, including the sales of the M&M Guide at the "book launching party" on Veterans Day, is \$2259.98

#### Correspondence

Janet reported on the correspondence received since the last meeting. The correspondence of immediate interest to the WHC follows:

- Memo to Dept Heads, Chairpersons, Boards/Committees/Commissions from Jeanne May, Dated Nov. 3, 2005, "2005 Annual Town Report Book". Town administrative office requests inputs by December 16, 2005.
- Letter to WHC from Jeanne May, Dated Nov. 16, 2005, correcting termination end dates of Historical Commission members.
- Memo to CPC members from Wellfleet CPC, Dated Nov. 30, 2005, addresses Wellfleet Community Needs Study. The CPC Chair is asking committee members for a statement of Wellfleet's needs and goals in the area of community preservation that is the focus of each members work.
- Memo to Historical Commission from "State of Wellfleet Harbor" Conference Planning Committee, Dated Nov. 28, 2005. The Conference Planning Committee reports on the information collected during the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Harbor Conference. The conference was a success and was recorded on a VHS tape. The tape will be made available at the Library in January.

#### Old Business

Janet reported on the M&M Guide "book launching party" held at the Lighthouse restaurant from 3 to 5 PM on Veterans Day, (11 November 2005). The party, which was planned and run by Dale Donovan, Selectman, and Lisa Benson, Book design and layout, was a huge success; more than 50 books were sold at the party.

Janet described the Community Preservation Committee, (CPC), meeting held on 30 November 2005. Jan Plaué presented an example of the funding and possible allocations provided by the Community Preservation Act, (CPA). The attendees established a criteria outline at that meeting.

#### New Business

The CPC Chair is asking committee members to develop a statement of Wellfleet's needs and goals in the area of community preservation that is the focus of each member's work. Janet provided a draft list of needs to stimulate discussions, (See attachment); one additional suggestion was to add a post WWII honor roll. Everyone agreed that a "clerk of the works approach" is very important for any restoration or preservation project selected. This information should be discussed at our January meeting and provided by January 24, 2006 for input/support in the preparation of a Community Preservation Plan

The attendees discussed the possibility of collaboration with The Historical Society and/or The Forum during the winter months. However, the members agreed that the priority of efforts should be focused on CPC rather than collaboration with Historical Society at this time. During that discussion, the members raised the issue of requesting grant money in addition to the CPA money for a selected project of need. Ashley agreed to pursue, with Clarence, the possibility of having Alice Boyd meet with the WHC and discuss the approach/feasibility of requesting grant money for a selected CPC project of need.

Cynthia will check with Dawn Rickman to find out whether excess money from M&M sales goes into the WHC account or the Town's general fund.

Having no other business before the WHC, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. The next regular meeting will be held in the Wellfleet Library meeting room at 4:00 PM on January 4, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary