

August 3, 2005- Regular Meeting of Wellfleet Historical Commission

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Janet Erickson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM with members Cynthia Cocivera, Betsy Cole, Eugene Cormier, Clarence Smith, and Tracy Vanderschmidt in attendance. The members congratulated and welcomed Betsy Cole as an official member of the WHC.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2005 were read and accepted as written.

Cynthia presented the WHC treasurer's report. The account balance, including the original account and Historical Society, M&M publishing loan, is presently \$4119.48.

Correspondence

Janet reported on the correspondence received by the WHC since the last meeting. One, a memorandum from the Board of Selectmen stated that, "there are Charter requirements for all Town Committees and Boards that may not have been fully met in the past. The Board of Selectmen would appreciate the Committees/Boards' cooperation in seeing that they are complied with in the future" – Charter Section 10 – "All Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Town shall organize annually and elect a chairman and other necessary officers, establish a quorum requirement for their meetings in accordance with General Law, adopt rules of procedure and voting, and maintain a journal of proceedings, copies of which shall be a public record and filed regularly with the Town Clerk". A sample format for recording the Town of Wellfleet Board/Committee/Commission Minutes was included.

Old Business:

The members voted to send Brewster Fox, a letter of appreciation, with a copy to the Selectmen, for his years of service, guidance, and commitment. The attendees voted to have all members sign the letter. The members also hope Brewster will be "our historian" and continue to provide us with knowledgeable inputs.

Janet passed out one copy of the, July draft, M&M Guide to allow the members to review and comment individually. All members will have time to make their comments; Lisa has asked that WE NOT MARK UP THE BOOKLET. Additional photographs of the Pond Hill School and different historic plaque designs, on Provincetown buildings, were discussed. Tracy reports that Wellfleet Historical Society President, Don Robinson, wants to look at the "final" draft before it goes to printing.

Janet agreed to draft and send a letter to Chairman of Selectmen addressing the possible "clean-up" of the Cannon Hill trails in conjunction with Uncle Tim's bridge repair.

The Mass Historical Commission has requested suggestions/inputs from local commissions to the state's five-year, (2005-2010), plan of historic preservation. The Sec of State included questionnaires to be filled out by commission members; the inputs will be discussed at a 10:00 AM meeting on August 19, 2005 at Barnstable.

Janet sent a memorandum to the DPW asking for help and explaining the WHC goal to clean up and upgrade the Anchor Memorial at Mayo Beach parking lot. WHC also wants to know whether the DPW can fix, (weld?), the broken arch at the Oakdale Cemetery entrance.

New Business

Tracy stated that she is pursuing the alternate WHC membership question with Selectperson, Helen Wilson. No decision has been made yet.

Having no other business before the WHC, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM. The next regular meeting will be held in the Wellfleet Library meeting room at 4:00 PM on September 7, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

EFC, Clerk/Secretary