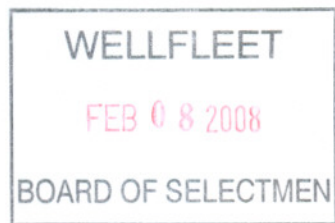


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WELLFLEET HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Minutes of regular meeting - January 2, 2008

I- Meeting convened in Library Conference Room at 4:01 by Chair Janet Erickson. Present were Seeler, Fawkes-Sylver, Durkee, Cole, Smith (recorder).

II- Crisp, direct Minutes of December meeting approved as distributed.

III- Correspondence: The Board of Selectmen has asked the WHC to consider a request from Alan Burgess whose father removed the last oyster shack from the harbor (Earl Rich's). The Selectmen would like it restored and placed somewhere in town. Ashley was asked to check on this.

{On Friday the 11th most of the Commission met with Burgess and inspected the shack which is on his family property at Tess Lane off Gull Pond Road. The Commission was impressed with the shack which is in reasonably good shape considering its age. Burgess offered to load it on a trailer and transport it to a location.}

IV-There is no change in our **financial status**.

V- Community Preservation Commission-Seeler reported that funds for purchase of Historical Society Museum addition were approved and deal is moving ahead.

VI- (a) Uncle Tim's bridge replacement. A DPW file number has been posted, but Kevin McHugh (Engineering Partners) has reported to Commissioner Vanderschmidt that work may not begin until after Labor Day. The issue is that Greenheart wood is difficult to acquire which might delay the project. Bidders may well raise their price in anticipation of not making the deadline for finishing (failure to acquire wood being the reason). Delay is to ensure getting lowest possible price. Commission, prepared to forgo Easter Egg Hunt, is stirred because perhaps bridge will not be available for Oysterfest. Vanderschmidt will fill the Commission in on this issue. Construction should take approx. six weeks.

(b) Inventory of historical buildings funding. Ashley has put together a pre-application for this. We will hear if we are invited to put in an application.

(c) South Wellfleet/Pond Hill School. There will be a potluck on the 19th which we should attend.

(d) WCTU Water Fountain. Marcia has searched through "Wellfleet Remembered" for information. She will also search the Museum collection. The plaque is no where to be found. Ashley reported that reinstallation of water fountain will require engineering and somewhat complicated installation. It will need to be connected to the septic system at Town Hall as well as the potable water supply. (Formerly it was a bubbler which ran all the time. Now it will need on/off handle, etc.) Estimate for plumbing is \$5,000. Smith thought this too much; Durkee thought it was worth it to restore an historic site. We will continue research.

(f) Planning grants. There is a 50% matching grant program. Ashley will investigate.

(g) Captain Higgins Restaurant. has been acquired by Steve Swain (of Roobar). Building will not be changed drastically. This case will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals on 1/10/08. The Commission is concerned about the unused building on the corner of Commercial St. on the C. Higgins property. It is something of a landmark. Mike Parlante says it's only been used for storage and is in pristine condition.

Ashley MOVED that we talk to Paul Murphy about listing this building so that we can at least delay demolition if someone wants to do that. Durkee seconded. Unanimous vote. Opinion that we should make a list ASAP of historic properties (which is more than age, but buildings which reflect the historic character of the town) so that reconsideration of demolition will be at least encouraged. Fawkes-Sylver and Smith will attend to this.

VII- Report approved for inclusion in WELLFLEET ANNUAL REPORT

VIII-Fawkes-Sylver wonders about memorialization of Dr. Belding who helped revive oyster culture in Wellfleet. Thinking was that perhaps the above Burgess/Rich shack would be a good way to do that. We will speak to SPAT about this because of the possibility of funding.

IX Future projects to be considered:. Memorial Benches; Historic Trails & Ways, Pond Hill School. Restoration

Commission adjourned at 5:40 PM

John F. Smith
Recorder