



WELLFLEET HISTORICAL COMMISSION
300 Main Street – Town Hall
Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667

The Wellfleet Historical Commission met remotely via Zoom on December 7, 2022

Members Present: Merrill Mead-Fox, Susan Baker, Gordon Kahn, James McAuliffe, Milton Gatch and Timothy Curley-Egan

Also Present: David Kornetsky, Samuel Pollak, reporter for the Provincetown Independent

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Mead-Fox introduced and Commissioners welcomed David Kornetsky who was appointed to the Commission by the Selectboard on December 6, 2022 and will join the Commission after being sworn in by the Town Clerk.

1. *Work on amending Wellfleet's Demolition Delay Bylaw to make it more consistent with the Massachusetts Historical Commission sample bylaw:*

Using a section-by-section comparison of the Wellfleet bylaw with the MHC sample bylaw, Commissioners identified material differences between the two and proposed revisions to bring the Wellfleet bylaw into accord with the MHC sample bylaw. The review began with sections one (Purpose) and two (Definitions) and will continue at future meetings with the goal of completing the task by February 2023.

2. *Progress re: coming to an agreement with the Building Commissioner re: the definition of "in whole or in part" demolition*

Commissioners expressed the view that an agreed-upon definition of "partial demolition" is critical. Using recognized resources such as the Cape Cod Commission, Commissioners began to craft a definition of "partial demolition" for inclusion in the Wellfleet DD bylaw. Amendments to the Wellfleet DD bylaw are subject to the approval of the Building Commissioner, Selectboard, Town Counsel, and the Town Meeting.

3. *Progress on Presentations:* Ms. Mead-Fox announced that the film "Love Letter to Cape Cod" will be shown at Preservation Hall on Saturday, February 4th at 3:00 p.m. The showing will be followed by a moderated discussion including Wellfleet Historical Commission member Gordon Kahn and the film's producer, John Yacobian.

Ms. Baker reported her progress on organizing a webinar on historical preservation and climate change with Sarah Korjeff, Historic Preservation Specialist for the Cape Cod Commission. The webinar will be scheduled on a date to be determined in April 2023. A representative of the Army Corps of Engineers will be among the invited participants.

4. *Recruitment of new WHC Members:* Commissioners discussed ways of recruiting a contractor with experience in historical building preservation and restoration to fill the remaining vacancy on the Commission.

5. The minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting were approved.

6. *Accounting/Form B's:* Mr. McAuliffe reported that preservation specialist Eric Dray finalized the 50 building inventory forms (Form B's) he drafted in 2019-21 and submitted them to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for inclusion on the MACRIS database. Mr. Dray has been compensated for his work. PDF's. Preservation specialist Lynn Smiledge has been compensated for completing 11 Form B's to date under the Commission's FY'24 CPA grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next meeting: January 4, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

James McAuliffe, Acting Secretary

