



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

The Wellfleet Historical Commission met remotely via Zoom on January 4, 2023

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

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

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

In order to ensure internal consistency and coherence, Commissioners decided to adopt the MHC sample bylaw as written, with certain changes and additions to address local needs and practices. Mr. McAuliffe and Mr. Kornetsky will develop a Track Changes version of the current Wellfleet Demolition Delay Bylaw to make the proposed changes evident. The amended bylaw is subject to the approval of the Selectboard, Town Counsel and the 2023 Spring Town Meeting.

Ms. Baker moved to approve the amendments intended to bring the Wellfleet Demolition Delay Bylaw into accord with the MHC sample bylaw. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kahn and approved unanimously.

2. *Progress on Presentations:*

Commissioners discussed publicizing the "Love Letter to Cape Cod." event by informing Outer Cape realty organizations, historical commissions and historical societies, the Wellfleet Chamber of Commerce and interested others. Preservation Hall prepared a flyer advertising the event for posting and distribution. The film will be shown at Preservation Hall on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. followed by a discussion and question and answer session including Wellfleet Historical Commission member Gordon Kahn, the film's producer, John Yacobian and Ellen Briggs, founder of Protect our Past.

Ms. Baker reported her progress in organizing a webinar on historical preservation and climate change. The invited presenters include Sarah Korjeff, Historic Preservation Specialist for the Cape Cod Commission; Shannon Hulst, Barnstable County Floodplain Manager; and Lys Perhay, Historic Preservationist at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The webinar will be scheduled on a date to be determined in April 2023.

3. *Annual Report:* Ms. Mead-Fox shared a draft of the annual report of the Wellfleet Historical Commission for review. Commissioners commented that it was accurate and comprehensive. It will be published in the 2022 Annual Town Report.

4. *Historical Preservation Needs List Review:* The Wellfleet Community Preservation Committee (CPC) conducts an annual assessment to determine the needs in the four domains funded by the Community Preservation Act. Mr. McAuliffe, the Historic Commission representative to the CPC, presented the current Historic Preservation Needs List for review and comment. Commissioners recommended broadening the posting of signage identifying points of historical interest by eliminating "at the marina" from letter "b" under Historic Places. The updated needs lists for all domains will be presented to the Selectboard by the CPC chair on January 17, 2023.

5. *Recruitment of new WHC Member:* Commissioners discussed recruitment of a contractor, or retired contractor, with experience in historical building preservation and restoration to fill the remaining vacancy on the Commission. They suggested advertising the need in the Provincetown Independent and seeking a referral from the building commissioner and are open to other ideas.

6. *New Website:* Commissioners expressed concern about maintaining two websites, especially if there is not a demonstrated need for both. Ms. Baker, Mr. McAuliffe and Mr. Kornetsky will meet to consider whether to proceed with the supplemental website or incorporate its contents in an overall update of the Historical Commission page on the Town website. They will make a recommendation to the Commission at the February meeting.

The minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Next meeting: February 2, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

James McAuliffe, Acting Secretary

