

# **Wellfleet National Seashore Homeowners Association**

## **2015 Annual Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2015**

WNSHA President Susanna Deiss opened the meeting. Appreciation was expressed for service to WNSHA by the late Dr. Dan Arons and by Gooz Draz, former Executive Committee members. Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were approved. Secretary/Treasurer Tony Sager conducted the re-election of Ed Miller and Peter Watts to the Executive Committee and election of Teresa Parker as Vice-President. He also noted that there was \$2,906.41 in the bank account as of May 31, 2015.

John T. (Ike) Williams spoke about "Well-Known Artists on the Lower Cape 1910-2010". Painters, sculptors and printmakers came out here as America was changing from traditional art to modern art. Two corresponding schools of artists formed in Provincetown, one around Charles Hawthorne came in 1895 and another around Hans Hoffman in 1935. Artists from NYC summered in Provincetown and brought their politics, including liberal, communist, and socialist. They formed a Bohemia with leftist writers and playwrights and looked with nostalgia at representational artists, although the latter controlled the art show juries. When trains and steamships filled with tourists started to change the scene in Provincetown, the Bohemians moved to Truro and Wellfleet, although Modernist painters stayed behind. Williams then presented a slide show of paintings and sculptures by Charles Hawthorne, Edwin Dickinson, Charles Frazier, Xavier Gonzalez, Chaim Gross, Hans Hofmann, Charles Kaeselau, Claire Leighton, Lucy L'Engle, William L'Engle, and Shelby Shackelford.

Painter Peter Watts spoke about moving to Wellfleet in the 1960s and pursuing painting while enjoying the social life and serving the community. Julie Kepes Stone spoke about growing up here in the summers as the daughter of a painter and a children's book illustrator, in a community of artists, scientists, and poets who worked hard during the day and enjoyed the ponds and the woods in the evenings. Sculptor Penelope Jencks described knowing Edwin Dickinson when she was a child here on Bound Brook Island, and remembered when there were no trees covering the land and you could perceive the landscape as a body.

Mark Adams, geologist with the Cape Cod National Seashore, then gave a slide show presentation on "Wellfleet's Changing Tidal Lands", which face radical shoreline change and sea level rise. He summarized changes to salt marshes and tidal wetlands, estuaries, ponds and groundwater, forestland and air quality. It is possible that sea level rise will happen faster than new habitats can be formed or adapt. He answered audience questions about Park Service funding, ponds and stratification, and improving septic systems. His slideshow will be put on WNSHA's website.

There was no Other Business.