

## Wellfleet National Seashore Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2017

WNSHA President Susanna Chivian opened the meeting at the Wellfleet Public Library. The Minutes of the 2016 Meeting were approved; Laura Hewitt and Nat Taylor were elected members of the Executive Committee; and Treasurer Tony Sager reported that the bank balance was now at \$2,580.

CCNS Acting Interim Superintendent Kathy Tevyaw gave a presentation "Remaining Focused in a Time of Change". She described the origins of the Park in 1961, the first in the park system that acquired private land. It cooperates with the towns in managing beaches. The CCNS has 4.5 million visitors annually. It has a \$60 million maintenance backlog for its 44,000 acres. Its staff manages the visitors and resources, does planning, education, and science, together with 50-90 outside researchers annually. Change affects everything in the Park, and there is change in Washington, DC, but the Park's legislation and mission are unchanged. It faces sea level rise, climate change, and erosion. Its priorities are planning for the effects of climate change, managing the intensity of visitor use and resulting ecological problems, and preserving the Cape Cod character. In a question period, participants asked about the CCNS role in the FlexBus; whether there was a hiring freeze ("no, but we are reviewing higher level positions"); was the Advisory Committee threatened with closure ("a temporary pause in its meetings"); is there funding for 'mothballed' sites ("we would take donations"); offshore oil drilling ("Park jurisdiction extends ¼ mile offshore, we would do science about the impacts"); and less control of dogs and parking at ponds ("policies aren't changed but have fewer patrols because of hiring levels").

John T. "Ike" Williams gave a presentation, with slides, on "Writers on the Outer Cape 1910-1960". The writers in this period believed in socialism, pacifism, and equality, as did their friends in the arts and theater. From the Progressives, through socialism, the syndicalism of the needle trades, they dreamed of equality, small government, until Stevenson's defeat in the 1950s. Ike highlighted the writings and personalities of writers in the three Outer Cape towns. In Provincetown, Mabel Dodge was there with John Reed, who brought Bill Haywood of the IWW. There was Harry Kemp, Max Eastman, Eugene O'Neill, Susan Glaspell, Mary Heaton Vorse, Hutchins Hapgood, Neith Boyce, John Dos Passos, Stanley Kunitz and Norman Mailer. In Truro there was Edna St. Vincent Millay, E.E. Cummings, Robert Nathan, Charles R. Jackson, Dwight MacDonald, Edwin O'Connor, John Berryman, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Joan Colebrook, and Lee Falk. In Wellfleet, there was Edmund Wilson, Dan Aaron, Paul Chavchavadze, Eric Bentley, Eileen Simpson, Frank and Edie Shay, Arturo Vivante. At the end, he was asked for a reading list.

Other business: None. The meeting was adjourned by Susanna Chivian.