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Orleans Historical Commission  
Town Hall, 19 School Road, Orleans, MA 02653  
Minutes

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**3:00 PM**

**Special Meeting of the Public Education Sub-Committee**

**Skaket Room, Orleans Town Hall**

**Present: Ron Petersen, Chair, Joan Nix, Ed Marcarelli**

Mr. Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:00.

Public Comment

Allen McClennen of the Community Building Renovation Task Force offered public comments related to the renovation of Old Firehouse in downtown Orleans. Mr. McClennen advised the Commission that in light of the Select Board deciding not to take a request for funding for the project to the next Town Meeting that he would be seeking other sources of funding. One of those sources required that the Old Firehouse have a Form B on file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Mr. McClennen asked that the Orleans Historical Commission assist with the submission of the form. Mr. Petersen agreed to take that request back to the Commission to be discussed at a regular meeting.

Working Session – Historic Orleans Website Development

Mr. Petersen, Ms. Nix and Mr. Marcarelli discussed the various outstanding tasks required to complete the redesign of the Historical Commission website. The discussion included the following:

- Sources of photographic content
- Availability of text content related to various subtopics
- Distribution of work among the sub-committee

Sarah Eaton presented the sub-committee with options on how the Historical Commission website might be integrated with the new town website. The sub-committee consensus was that this is a goal that should be pursued but that it would be best to complete the redesign and look to combine it with the Town site when the actual undertaking could be better defined and compatibility between the Historical website requirements and the capabilities of the town website could be studied.

Working Session – Other Public Education Programs

Due to time constraints, this topic was tabled for future discussion.