

HOOK FISHERMEN SIGN LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE OPPENHEIM FAMILY FOR PURCHASE OF CAPTAIN NATHAN HARDING HOUSE

North Chatham, MA: The Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association (CCCHFA) today announced that they have signed a letter of intent with the Oppenheim family to purchase the property at 1566 Main St. (the Captain Nathan Harding House) in West Chatham. Mr. David Oppenheim is in the process of having the 105-year-old house renovated, which will become the headquarters for CCCHFA sometime next summer.

"We are delighted to take this next step with David," said Susan Nickerson, Executive Director of the Hook Association. "Now comes the hard part - raising the funds to complete the purchase. However, we are hopeful that the project will receive broad support from the community. This home will provide a strong foundation and superb place for us to pursue our innovative policy initiatives, strengthen our environmental programs and build the Cape Cod Fisheries Trust."

The house at the end of Barnhill Road is in good structural condition, but the attached barn is beyond repair and sadly must be torn down. Plans call for a new barn to be built in similar architectural style, and this area will be used as a meeting space for fishermen.

"The Captain Harding House is a fitting location to serve as our new home," said Peter Taylor, President of the Hook Association. "It highlights the link our organization has to the rich maritime history of this community. We are pleased that David Oppenheim has really reached out to us and put together a plan that suits our needs in a historic house which will now be renovated and preserved."

The Hook Association is holding its annual gala fundraiser, the Hooker's Ball, this Saturday at the nearby VFW Lodge in Chatham. Financial support for the Captain Harding House initiative will be a main focus of the event. Large donations will be recognized to the donor through naming opportunities for various spaces in the renovated building.

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Tickets to the Hooker's Ball are still available and may be obtained by calling the CCCHFA office at (508) 945-2432, emailing info@ccchfa.org, or going online to www.ccchfa.org

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Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association

The Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association is a nationally recognized, non-profit organization that aligns protection of the oceans with the economic interests of our historic fishing community. CCCHFA supports stewardship of coastal ecosystems through education, research, and policy programs. Started in 1991 by the local fishing fleet, the Hook Association has become the leading community fisheries organization in the region. CCCHFA is taking action now to make sure there are fish for future generations.

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