

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

June 1, 2015 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Joanne DiMambro, Joan Quigley, Margaret Warren, Marcia Wengen, Dolly Wilson, Margaret Zoladkowski

Absent: Stephen Rotondi, Robert Shannon

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Nobility Hill National Historic District

- Margaret Warren welcomed ten neighbors from Chestnut St, Cedar Ave, Maple Street and High St (former Cedar Ave resident) who attended in response to the May 12 invitation. The letter identified two neighbors who are interested in honoring the Nobility Hill National Historic District with appropriate signage. Brenda Flynn (18 Chestnut St) spoke eloquently and lobbied for a sign on the west side of Chestnut St on town owned land approximately across from her house.
- Handouts included a document describing the difference between a national and local districts and a sample of pole signs from other communities. An estimate from the manufacturer of the cast bronze Newburyport sign and pole was \$2,575 delivered (\$3,190 if double sided). The cost was thought to be beyond our resources.
- Local resident Michael Robert lobbied for a second sign and would allow it on his property at 33 Cedar Ave on the corner of Maple Street.
- The agreed upon wording is: Nobility Hill Historic District/National Register of Historic Places/ Stoneham. In lieu of a date, the Town Seal will be used. Julie Shulman (15 Chestnut St) will work on a design.
- The Historical Commission has no money specifically for signage. Brenda Flynn discussed the possibility of using a web based fund raising site and/or a request for money from local banks.

2. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of May 11 were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported \$134.41 in the operating account after \$55 (\$40 for calligraphy; \$15 for name plate) in expenditures for the Heritage Award. She will encumber the balance to be used for the Nobility Hill signage. A balance of \$1,204 is in the donation account.

4. Summer Subcommittees

- Assignments for over the summer: Col. Gould marker – Margaret Z.; Preservation Month activities ~ Dolly and Margaret Z.; First Church solar panels ~ Joan & Dolly

5. HC Schedule for 2015-16

- The next meeting will be Monday September 14.

6. Dow Block ~ comment letter

- Marcia opened a letter today dated May 12 from EBI Consulting asking for Historical Commission comments on changes to the MetroPCS telecommunications equipment since their merger with T-Mobile. Marcia will request an extension of the 30 day comment period.

7. This Place Matters

- Continuation of last month's Preservation Month 2016 – Vision Plan ~ in addition to our two events to celebrate Preservation Month (Heritage Award & joint meeting with the Historical Society), would "This Place Matters" event be useful? First identified as a Preservation Month theme by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this is an ongoing campaign that allows everyone to share why certain buildings or locations are important to them.

8. 489 Main St.

- A draft of our letter to the Board of Selectmen was reviewed. The letter is in support of the renovation to historic 489 Main St which the Selectmen will be discussing at their June 9 meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair & Secretary