

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

December 7, 2009 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Paul Foley, David LeBlanc, Joan Quigley, Stephen Rotondi, Margaret Warren, Marcia Wengen.

Absent: Joanne DiMambro

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Steve welcomed new member David LeBlanc. His term expires April 30, 2010.

1. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of November 2, 2009 were approved with a correction in item 8, line 2: "He asked **is** the Commission..." changed to "He asked **if** ..."

2. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported \$385 in the operating account and \$1,105 in the donation account. Marcia estimated her receipts at less than \$100.

3. Web Site

- Maureen Buckley forgot to send the pictures from the walking tour flyer to Chris Willard. She now has his email address.
- No progress on the Town web page, so Marcia can research houses for the marker program.

4. Dow Building Cell Antenna

- Nothing to report. Steve reviewed the history of Metro/PCS, Verizon and T Mobile requests for David LeBlanc.

5. Historic House Marker Program

- Joan, Margaret and Steve research Historical Society tax books last week for 7 Ledge, 3 Harrison, 11 Benton and 4 Gerry. Owner approval is needed.
- Joan researched 5 Grant to a circa 1923 date.
- Margaret submitted the following 5 requests to Gamit: 170 Franklin (Weiss Farm), Pine (Credit Union/Train Depot), 96 Hancock, 72 Elm and 40 Wright.
- Four need more research: 573 Main, 63 Elm, 49 Bow, and 69 Washington St. The owner of 86 Pleasant St. has not responded to e-mail or letter about 76 Pleasant St. being listed as the Charles Gill House.

6. Burial Ground

- Steve reviewed the project called "Final Addresses" involving research of notables buried in the OBG and subsequent filming for local cable. No progress has been made since the scripts were inadvertently shredded.
- Some thought has been given to a memorial stone for the unmarked graves of slaves and Native Americans.

7. Old Business

- Steve reported a Facebook shell is under construction for the Historical Society.
- No information is available regarding Donna Weiss's grant application to SBCEF for reprints of the Historical Walking Tour flyer.
- UMass Boston has not been notified about funding for the Mass Memories Road Show; NOBLE is offering to assist Librarian Maureen Saltzman if the funding does not materialize.
- Steve reviewed the Heritage Award program for David LeBlanc.

8. New Business

- A framed 1906 map of Stoneham is now in the Stoneham Room.
- The 1904 marker is hanging over the corridor to the Children's Library,

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary