

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

February 1, 2010 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Paul Foley, Joanne DiMambro, Joan Quigley, Stephen Rotondi, Margaret Warren, Marcia Wengen.

Absent: David LeBlanc

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of January 4, 2010 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported a balance of \$299.63 in the operating account and \$1,105 in the donation account.

3. Web Site

- Marcia reported that Maureen Buckley sent the historical walking tour pictures to Chris Willard.
- No progress on the Town web page, so Marcia can research houses for the marker program.

4. Dow Building Cell Antenna

- No progress on the Metro/PCS cell antenna project on the Dow Block.

5. Historic House Marker Program

- Margaret reported 8 sign requests are with Gamit. Peter Wright needs to replace his \$55 check as that account is closed. Marcia notified the owners of 49 Bow and 69 Washington St. of their options. 49 Bow St. owner made a decision; the 69 Washington St. owner lives in NH and has not been heard from.
- Two need more research: 573 Main, 63 Elm. The owner of 86 Pleasant St. has not responded to e-mail or a letter about 76 Pleasant St. being listed as the Charles Gill House.

6. Walking Tour Brochures

- Margaret has three quotes from local printers:

Printing Company	1000 B&W copies	5000 B&W copies
Staples	\$175	\$770
Sterling	\$240	\$695
Economy	\$110	\$320

- As for making a decision about splitting the cost between the Commission and the Society, Steve doubted that any money would come from the Historical Society.

7. Annual Report

- Steve reported that he submitted the Commission's Annual Report. Margaret and Joan will send him pictures of Franklin St. and Collincote St. house markers for possible inclusion. Marcia will send Heritage Award and book presentation photos.

8. Burial Ground

- Joan will continue her research on slave and Native American burials. She noted the recent Boston Globe article about John Winthrop, the first governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony, kept American Indians as slaves and helped to write the first law in the US officially sanctioning the practice of keeping African slaves.
- Steve supports a memorial stone to identify early, unmarked Indian and slave graves and to raise awareness about the OBG.
- Steve questioned the availability of cemetery money that might be used for restoration of the OBG.

9. Mass Memories Road Show

- Steve announced that UMASS Boston has received funding for this project that documents Massachusetts history through family photographs and stories. Maureen Saltzman is moving forward with her grant application.

10. New Business

• MWRA Project

~The members reviewed the packet of information from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) regarding the project to construct a new underground concrete water storage facility within the previously disturbed area east of the former Boston Regional Medical Center hospital site.

~The enclosed map does not identify the three archaeological sites (Spot Pond I, II, III) where a pre-Columbian charcoal pit was found. Steve noted this was not well publicized to keep curiosity seekers away.

~Although the map does not identify Haywardville as such, it does appear to be outside the impact area of the project.

- Terms expire for three members on April 30th – Steve, Margaret, David.
- Marcia will add the Heritage Award nomination process to the web page.

The meeting ended at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary