

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

February 6, 2012 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Tammy Ford, Joan Quigley, Stephen Rotondi, Margaret Warren, Marcia Wengen. *Excused:* Joanne DiMambro, Paul Foley
Guests: Lynda Allard and Becky Jacques

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Guests

Lynda Allard and Becky Jacques discussed the role of their Get A Lift committee at the First Congregational Church. As a church center serving two congregations and the community at large, their goal is to make the facility accessible to all. We discussed grant and fundraising opportunities with them.

2. Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of January 3 and 12, 2012 were approved

3. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report of \$385 in the operating fund and \$1,254 in the donation account was approved. Outstanding invoices: \$11 for deed research parking, \$25 NARA research and \$10 8 Morrison Av research at the Historical Society

4. Website

Tammy reported that Tom Cicatelli has agreed to teach her how to use the Virtual Town Hall software for our web page. As part of the new web page, she agreed to create our long awaited "Final Addresses" video to fulfill a requirement for her Public History course at Simmons College. HC members will send her their scripts.

5. Historic House Marker Program

- There are no new applications.
- Margaret reported three markers have been delivered: 8 Highland Ave, 198 Franklin St, and 8 Gerry St. The Almshouse marker is finished and will be presented at a date to be announced.
- Marcia presented a sample vinyl lettered sign that is slightly larger than the current one. Paula Salerno, a sign maker in Holliston, would charge \$95 + shipping. No decision was reached.

6. Burial Ground

- Marcia reported that four proposals were opened on January 30th for the development of a Preservation Master Plan for the OBG. The Selection Committee (Larry Brophy from DPW, Marcia and Margaret from the HC) ranked the proposals and are checking references. They await Mass Historical Commission concurrence with their top choice.
- Marcia reported that Dan Dragani at DPW has been working on a GPS plan of the OBG and it is about 80% complete. The project is on hold because of network and software problems.

- Marcia reported the request for J. Parker Gould's military papers was submitted along with Joan's NARA research on January 26th. The timeframe is 60-90 days and will cost \$25. Steve is considering a dedication on Memorial Day weekend at Lindenwood. Joan has a connection with civil war re-enactors at the Medford Historical Society.
7. Adaptive Reuse
- Marcia noted that the East School sale was completed last week.
 - The North School RFP is in revision and the tentative release date is February 16.
8. New Business
- Steve presented the Annual Report for 2011. Minor edits were made. Marcia will submit the Heritage Award picture to Muriel Doherty.
9. Open Forum
- Steve reminded us of the March 15th meeting at the Historical Society with Ken Gloss

The meeting ended at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary