

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

February 2, 2004 -- Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Peter Bracciotti, Rosemarie McDonald, Peggy O'Keefe, Steve Rotondi, Marcia Wengen, Betty Whelan, Christopher Willard.

The meeting began at 7:31 PM with the minutes from the January 5, 2004 accepted as written. The Budget for FY 2005 for \$385.00 was submitted to Mr. Berry on January 15, 2004. The Treasurer's Report, with a balance of \$209.45, was accepted.

Handouts for the meeting: the Agenda, a letter from the Architectural Resource Conservation introducing their services, a letter from the Board of Selectmen regarding deadline for Warrant articles, a letter from Dr. Connelly regarding public hearing on the rental of the Central School, an article regarding Mass State Historic Tax Credit.

The following business was transacted:

1. The members unanimously approved the following motion:
"While recognizing the need for a modernized Fire Station, the Stoneham Historical Commission supports any solution that would include the preservation of the existing 1916 Central Fire Station's façade and outer appearance." No agreement was reached about presenting the motion to the Selectmen.
2. The members reviewed the draft of a letter to Cara Metz, Director of the Mass Historical Commission, regarding MHC's position on the proposed Stoneham Executive Center. They also reviewed the Dec 2002 National Register nomination forms for the Metropolitan Park System and the Middlesex Fells Parkways as submitted by Betsy Friedberg, MHC. Marcia will confirm when the Parkways were placed on the National Register. Steve will modify the letter and bring it to the March meeting for review.
3. The members reviewed a packet of information from EBI Consulting regarding a proposed telecommunications installation on the roof of the Dow Block. Peter noted a discrepancy in the height of the stealth chimney (is it 10 ft. or 30 ft. high?). Steve, Peter, Chris and Marcia volunteered as a sub-

- committee to meet with Town Counsel William Solomon to discuss the proposal.
4. The members voted unanimously to ask David Kruh to speak about Boston's West End at the May 13th (Preservation Month) joint meeting with the Historical Society.
 5. The meeting ended at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary