

## **STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

January 4, 2010 - Meeting Minutes  
Stoneham Public Library

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

### 1. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of December 7, 2009 were approved.
- Steve asked Maureen Saltzman about the Mass Memories Road Show. To date, UMass Boston has not been notified about funding for the Mass Memories Road Show; should the funding not materialize, Maureen indicated that NOBLE is still willing to assist with the project.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported \$385 less expenses of \$85.37 leaves a balance of \$299.63 in the operating account and \$1,105 in the donation account. A level funded budget of \$385 for 2011 was e-mailed to the Town Administrator in mid-December.

### 3. Web Site

- Marcia will check with Maureen Buckley about the historical walking tour pictures for Chris Willard.
- No progress on the Town web page, so Marcia can research houses for the marker program.

### 4. Dow Building Cell Antenna

- A December 16 letter from Mass Historical Commission regarding the proposed Verizon Wireless cell antenna was reviewed. A copy of the letter was delivered to the Zoning Board of Appeals office, as they were not copied on the letter.
- No progress on the Metro/PCS cell antenna project on the Dow Block.

### 5. Historic House Marker Program

- Margaret report 12 marker requests were submitted to Gamit Signs. Four markers were delivered before Christmas. 96 Hancock Street was returned with a typographical error. 23 markers in total.
- 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. Annual Report

- Items mentioned for inclusion in the Town's Annual Report included our book presentation to Mary Todd, completion of the Fire Station renovations, two OBG openings with costumed interpreters, the walking tour and Town Day.
7. Heritage Award
- A request for nominations will be submitted to the newspapers in March in time for a decision at our April Meeting. One possibility might be the Class of '82 Beautification program for their project to replicate the police box.
8. Walking Tour Brochures
- Donna Weiss' grant application to SBCEF for reprinting the flyer was rejected.
  - Additional quotes, perhaps from the Vocational School or other printers in Stoneham, would provide information for making a decision about splitting the cost between the Commission and the Society.
9. Stoneham Access TV
- Access TV occupies the former Unitarian Church which is listed on the National Register. Although windows on the west and south side are being replaced with modern windows to prevent heat loss, it was determined that delisting the building was not appropriate. We may want to consider a program to educate owners about cosmetic modifications.
  - A discussion followed about there being no political appetite for a demo delay bylaw. Steve explained the demo permit has a Historical Commission sign off, but technically the Commission has no clout to delay a demolition.
10. Burial Ground
- Joan will continue her research on slave and Native American burials.
11. Publicity
- Newspaper articles about the house markers would be interesting, especially if information was included about what was happening in the town/state/nation in that year.

The meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary