

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 7, 2008 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Joanne DiMambro Joan Quigley, Stephen Rotondi, Margaret Warren, Marcia Wengen, Christopher Willard

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

1. Resignation

Steve read David Armato's resignation from the Historical Commission dated December 27, 2007 for "personal and professional" reasons. Joanne DiMambro agreed to be the Treasurer.

2. Meeting minutes

The minutes of December 3, 2007 were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report

Steve reported no expenses against our FY 2008 budget of \$385.

4. Membership

Margaret Warren has been appointed as a member of the Commission until April 30, 2010. Both Joan and Joanne's terms expire on April 30, 2008 and they will each need to write a letter to the Selectmen in late March.

5. Fire Station

A copy of the required sign for the project was presented. The wording has been approved by the Mass Historical Commission and Chief Rolli has agreed to find a vendor to make the sign. By our February meeting the specifications for the three projects (bay doors, foundation leak and trim painting) should be complete.

6. Old Burying Ground

- Joan's 12 hours of data entry (from paper OBG inventory sheets to WORD) was lost in a computer malfunction and will need to be re-entered. Joan noted that some of the photos need to be retaken.
- Marcia needs to follow-up on the auto body company's barriers where the new fence was installed.
- Joan/Marcia will deal with the graffiti on the front wall of the OBG in the spring.

7. Final Addresses Project

- Steve will contact David for the OBG scripts that he was working on. Joan has a friend who currently videos church services. Joan will also check with the Woburn Historical Society to ask if they videoed the first burial ground event last October.

- Margaret agreed to research Timothy Wright. Joan will research Timothy Baldwin.
- Sarah Lynde, as the last burial, may provide a suitable ending for the first video.

8. Web Page

Chris has been in touch with Donna Cargill at the High School about our using the computer lab to be trained in the HC web page.

9. New Business

There was no memo in our mail box today regarding a due date for the Annual Report.

10. Other Business

- Joan has permission from Beth Bower, Church Historian at the Congregation Church, to access the very early papers, especially those of Rev Osgood. The padlock key is missing but perhaps it can be broken and a new padlock installed.
- The Town Hall windows are not in jeopardy of being replaced because of their size and expense. The Town Administrator will continue to use Kevin McLaughlin to repair them. So-called "invisible" storm windows are recommended by Historic New England. If the Town were to pursue grant money for these storm windows, it would be useful to have Town Hall listed on the State Register of Historical Places. Marcia will work on a draft for Form B.

The meeting ended at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary