

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 12, 2012 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Warrant Article

- Members voted 4-0 (Mr. Rotondi had not yet arrived) to submit a warrant article for the February 7th Town Meeting requesting the release of \$40,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care – Income Fund for the development of a Preservation Master Plan for the Old Burying Ground. A grant received from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund will reimburse up to \$20,000 if the project is successfully completed by June 30, 2012. Reimbursed monies will be deposited in the Cemetery Perpetual Care - Income Trust Fund.
- Marcia anticipates invoices for work done in February, March and April so waiting to release the money at May Town meeting is not an option.

2. Fire Station satellite radio dishes

- Members voted 5-0 to oppose the installation of satellite radio dishes on the Fire Station Tower. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has a preservation restriction in perpetuity from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Placement of the dishes in the tower, even if they could be recessed, would be considered a major exterior modification.
- The members were in agreement to support the satellite dishes being attached to the 100' tower that is being installed as a replacement for the existing 80' tower in the DPW yard. The dishes solve a problem with the 911 emergency system.

3. Other business

- Steve announced that the Selectmen no longer need the Commission to write a letter to MWRA given that negotiations are underway to relocate the pipeline. He noted that it is the MWRA's policy to not put promises in writing, hence the lack of documentation on the soccer field over the underground storage tank.
 - Joan reported that her probate research has identified the property at 49 Perkins Street as possibly belonging to Josiah Green and she suggested the marker could say 'Green Farmhouse' or 'Josiah Green' and have a circa date of 1750.
 - Margaret reported delivery of a marker to 8 Gerry Street which has been installed. Due to the 6 month delay, Gamit signs did not charge for the marker. Margaret also delivered a free marker to 198 Franklin St for the "prestidigitator".
 - Steve reported that Donna Weiss is working on a request for information about the Charles Gill house. Marcia will contact Donna about her deed research on 86 Pleasant Street which, according to the 1875 atlas, belonged to C. Gill.
 - Steve announced the joint HS/HC meeting date to be May 17, the HS meeting to be March 15 and April 28 to be Research Day.
 - Steve noted that Marcia's request for tax book research on 3 Morrison Ave is almost complete.
 - The meeting ended at 7:32 pm
- Respectfully submitted,
Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary