

## **STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

January 5, 2009 - Meeting Minutes  
Stoneham Public Library

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes

- The minutes of December 1, 2008 were accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Joanne reported a \$1,056 balance in the Donation Account and a \$325 balance in the Operating Account. Marcia is searching for the \$15 invoice for the OBG Open house sign.

3. Fire Station

- No progress on the painting punch until spring.
- The Project Completion Report is underway. Submission of the Report no later than June 30, 2009 is required to receive the remaining \$38K+ of the \$200,000 July 2006 allocation. The revised MHC Form B was handed out. It is one of the requirements for the Report.
- The architect measured the two skylights and is preparing specifications. Funding for this project will be from the July 1, 2008 allocation.

4. Web Site

- Chris has reset the password for Marcia to add meeting minutes to our web site.

5. Historic Plaque Program

- Margaret placed an order with Gamit for three plaques: 119 Franklin St., 10 Waverly St., and 21 Collincote St.
- The Elisha Knight Homestead was traced to 1789 and then the trail went dead. Joan has discovered his father's name (Ebenezer) and Marcia will follow up on this lead.
- Steve noted that Carolyn Lassiter, owner of ReMax, may be interested in the program to provide a gift to her clients who purchase an older home.
- Steve will speak with Sharon Iovanni about including an application in the Chamber's welcome kit to new residents.
- Once the plaques are ready, the goal is to take a picture of the happy homeowners with their signs.

6. Old Burying Ground/Final Addresses

- Joan is learning video editing skills with her friend Denise, who made the Haunted Happenings video. Marcia noted that Denise did a good job as a

costumed interpreter explaining Jacob Gould's murder in that video. Marcia suggested that we consider giving her the script for our OBG project and having her narrate the stories of our founding fathers.

- A discussion of oral histories ensued. Joanne will speak with the Lister sisters about the possibility of filming their remembrances of living in Stoneham. The South School is investigating a Milken Grant opportunity for oral histories for the 2009-10 school year.

#### 7. Dow Building Cell Antenna

- On December 2, 2008 David Akerblom e-mailed Marcia Wengen asking for a copy of the approval letter from the SHC meeting of October 6, 2008. He stated that Cheryl Noble has not responded to his requests. Marcia sent him a signed copy by US Mail.

#### 8. Measured Mile

- Margaret reported on the Safe Routes for School Children meeting. A number of walks have been proposed in the Main Street and Spot Pond areas. The historical walk initiative is looking for volunteers. There is a meeting on the common tomorrow at 10 am to review the 1975 half mile walk from Elm to Maple Street.
- Steve reported that the Town Administrator was interested a historical marker project. Steve felt it was important to place markers where maximum foot traffic occurs.
- Chris and Margaret discussed geocaching, an outdoor treasure hunt game that utilizes GPS receivers to locate hidden treasure. Perhaps it could be adapted to our historical trail.

#### 9. Annual Report

- Steve will work on the report. Marcia will send 2008 photos to be included in the booklet.

The meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary