

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 9, 2017 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Hillary Fotino, Joan Quigley, Marcia Wengen, Dolly Wilson, Margaret Zoladkowski

Guests: Margie Cossette, Tom Younger, Megan Day

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Tom Younger

- Our newly hired Town Administrator has had experience with acquiring the Community Preservation Act (targeted project in Belmont), local historical district creation (Swampscott), funding of a historical building survey as well as listing properties on the National Register, working with the Historical Commission in Belmont on appropriate conditions to sell 3 fire stations (2 became private residences, 1 is commercial), adaptive reuse of Marian Court College in Swampscott. He also referred us to the Waverly Trail in Belmont which has informational kiosks along the route marked by a green line.

2. Whip Hill

- Megan Day noted that Whip Hill is an underutilized resource in Stoneham and that its 50th anniversary as a gift to the Town happens in 2018. Wondering what opportunities might be available to celebrate the event. Currently considering a scholarship in Dan Towse's name.
- National Register Listing. Megan believes that Dan Towse documented the history of the property and the Crockett's extensively. Dolly Wilson might be interested preparing the nomination form. Megan will research what documentation is available.

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4. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of December 5 were approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in operating account is \$376.46. Balance in the Donation Account is \$2,245. Marcia requested \$600 for Shawmut Car sign in addition to the \$385 that is planned for July 2017 (FY 2018). Mr. Younger opined that the budget would be available mid February.

6. Sarah Lynde

- Dolly was contacted by the Selectmen asking for our suggestions on Paul Rotondi's request to honor Sarah Lynde. Thoughts: his document is not annotated nor does it have a bibliography; for re-enactor during May OBG tour, set up a scholarship, name a library within a school (perhaps the 'new' middle school).

7. Preservation Month

- Stephen Puleo speaker fee varies from \$500 to \$800. Too expensive for just the Historical Commission
- Dee Morris is willing to reprise her Tour d'Grave at Lindenwood Cemetery for \$125. Joan will contact her.

8. Finding New Members

- Margie Cossette lives within the Nobility Hill Historic District. She is interested in joining the Commission and will forward a letter to Mr. Younger.

9. Post Card Scanning Project

- Dolly, Margaret and Hillary will set up a time to finish up the post card scanning project. Hillary is interested in participating. Dolly is willing to offer a class so we can learn to catalogue the cards in preparation for listing on the NOBLE Digital Heritage site.

10. Col Gould Marker

- Margaret has had no success in reaching Rich at the Sign Shop to verify quality of Col. Gould image. Marcia noted that a local resident Tom Barry, owns a sign shop in Woburn and expressed interest in donating a sign. Marcia will invite him to Feb meeting. He has seen the Tidd's Gateposts sign and can replicate it. Marcia would like him to see Nobility Hill sign mock-up and a house marker to see what suggestions/prices he might be able to offer us. Margie/Dolly will tract down Brenda's mock-up of the two signs.
11. Explore Stoneham
 - Dolly received a call from neighboring community advocate to discuss how she created 'Explore Stoneham/Walking Tour.'
 12. 21 Collincote Street
 - Planning Board approved 728 sq foot site plan for the ca. 1880 barn. The Waverly St neighbor requested and received a clause for no changes to the east façade that overlooks his property.
 13. Dairy Dome
 - Nothing new. Margaret asked about the Beacon Gas Dome in Woburn that is for sale.
 14. BPL Map project & House Markers – no progress
 15. Senior Center Barn Cupola – Mr. Younger noted he would be signing the contract soon once the contract clause about lead paint and asbestos testing was reviewed by interim Town Counsel.
 16. On Hold items– no discussion
 17. Open Forum
 - The Open Meeting Law and Conflict of interest packet was distributed to 5 members.
 - The request for annual report was issued today and all reports are due Feb 1. Since we do not meet again until Feb 6, Mr. Younger suggested all email comments come to one person rather than being shared with the group. Marcia asked Dolly to work on these topics: Preservation Month, Social Media and the Post Card project.

The meeting ended at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair & Secretary