

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

June 2, 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 7:05 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes

The minutes of May 6, 2008 were accepted.

2. Reorganization

The members voted on the following slate of officers: Steve Rotondi, Chairman, Chris Willard, Vice Chairman, Joanne DiMambro, Treasurer and Marcia Wengen, Secretary. A meeting schedule for 2008-2009 and a membership roster was distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Joanne reported the following expenses: \$75 honorarium for Jay Robbins, preservation month speaker, \$30 + \$4.80 Heritage Award for Zachary Kline and \$156.98 for a portable canopy leaving a balance of \$118.22.

Margaret presented her research for preservation book purchases and the members voted to use up to \$118 for this donation to the Library.

4. Fire Station

- The procurement checklists for the three major projects (painting, masonry and overhead doors) have been submitted to Mass Historical for a total of \$105,193 leaving a balance of \$34,807.
- Bids for historic window replacement will be opened on June 12. The plan is to replace the six windows in the front and ask for an "each" price that will allow us to use as much of the remaining funds as possible.
- The presence of lead in the existing cornice paint is being questioned. Board of Health Inspector Bracey's on site lead determination test came back negative. The preservation architect is recommending that samples be tested in an approved laboratory and is awaiting a response from the Town Administrator, as this will be an added expense.
- A copy of the Cornice Paint Study required by Mass Historical was distributed. The original trim color was a medium gray. Paul Holtz at Mass Historical has agreed to let us use the existing cream color which has been on the building for at least 60 years.
- The preservation architect is awaiting a schedule from the mason, who will be the first to start work.

5. Web Site

Chris will be available if Marcia needs help uploading March, April and May minutes.

6. Heritage Award

Joan will request two additional CD's of the OBG inventory so they can be distributed to the Historical Society and the Public Library.

7. House Plaque Program

- Margaret presented a streamlined version of the procedure and a sample application. A few minor corrections will be made before Steve presents the document to the Historical Society.
- Margaret will contact Gamit Signs on Spencer Street to determine the level of interest in being the sole vendor to the house plaques.
- If homeowners do not have deed or census information, we estimate that houses built before 1850 will need research at the Registry of Deeds in Cambridge.

8. Final Address Project

A planning session is scheduled for Monday June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Chris will not be at the meeting, but is available to submit maps or satellite photos for inclusion in our video

9. Cell Tower in St. Patrick's Cemetery

Steve called Mass Historical about this project but has not received an answer. The Board of Appeals will reconvene the public hearing later in June. A petition to the Archdiocese is circulating through town.

10. Old Burying Ground

Joan distributed pictures of headstones taken in early afternoon sunlight and in light reflected from a mirror.

The meeting ended at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary