

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

June 7, 2010 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

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

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

1. Meeting Minutes

1. The minutes of May 4, 2010 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported a balance of \$112.63 in the operating account after payment of Heritage Award, Registry of Deeds parking and markers for Town Hall and the Fire Station. There is \$1,105 in the donation account.

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3. Web Site

- Marcia plans to update the page with the Heritage Award for 2010 and explore the possibility of thumbnails of the house markers.

4. Historic House Marker Program

- Steve will arrange for the Town Hall and Fire Station markers to be presented at a future Selectmen's Meeting.
- There are no new applications. Marcia continues to research three outstanding requests.
- Joan spoke with the owners of the first Town House and Silas Dean's house. Both seem interested in a marker.

5. Walking Tour Brochures

- Margaret expects the brochure to be printed next week; 5,000 copies for \$250 paid for by the Stoneham Bank.

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6. Burial Ground

- Joan has made no progress on her research at the First Congregational Church. She asked if the Historical Society had family bibles she might research. Steve knew of only the bible from the 1500's.
- Joan continues to research the death of Timothy Wheeler in 1837 during a meeting at the first Town House.
- Stoneham has three Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried in Stoneham, but only one is a Stoneham native.

7. Stoneham, MA: A Shoe Town on CD

- Steve has had no response from Attorney Solomon regarding our copyright and if any proceeds for proposed CD sales must be returned to the town. Steve will e-mail Town Counsel again.

8. Mass Memories Road Show

- Steve provided an overview of the recent meeting with Heather Cole from UMASS Boston. The Historical Society is expected to provide a booth at the show. The Memories Road Show will produce the brochure on the History of Stoneham. The two other sponsors of the program schedule for Oct 16 from 10-3 pm, the Historical Commission and the Council on Aging, are expected to participate with a booth. The success of this project hinges on outreach to the community.

9. Fire Station

Marcia noted that Joe Rolli met with Michael Woronka of Action Ambulance about the renovation of second floor sleeping quarters in the fire station. Joe explained the requirements not to remove or modify woodwork on the doors, walls, windows and staircase. Mike is reconsidering his initial interest in replacing the plaster walls. Joe will schedule another meeting once Mike locates a contractor for the project.

10. Meeting Schedule

- The schedule for our meetings beginning in September was accepted as written except for the January meeting. The celebration of the holiday needs to be clarified.

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11. Town Day

- Our exhibit will include Road Show information, the house marker program, the historic walking tour and possibly a poster about the “fence-no fence” controversy of the OBG.

12. Book Purchases

- The members agreed to spend our remaining funds on books and promotional items for Town Day. A motion was approved to give Marcia some discretion on how many books to purchase depending on the cost of the promotional material. Plastic bags were suggested to advertise the Commission.

The meeting ended at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary