

## **STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

March 5, 2007 - Meeting Minutes

Stoneham Public Library

*Present:* David Armato, Joanne DiMambro, Stephen Rotondi, Marcia Wengen, Christopher Willard

*Excused:* Carol Nickerson, Joan Quigley

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes - The minutes of the February 6, 2007 and the February 22, 2007 meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report – David reported that there are no expenses against the \$385 for FY'07.
3. Annual Report – Steve presented our 2006 annual report. Minor corrections were made. Two photos, the Library book presentation and the Heritage Award, will also appear in the Town report distributed at the May Town Meeting.
4. Web Site
  - Chris will redirect e-mails sent to the HC web page to our home e-mail addresses. He can give us response capability without divulging our home e-mails.
  - Chris' bookmarked tutorial for XOOPS has disappeared.
5. Fire Station
  - During a February 23 meeting, David Ragucci, new Town Administrator, identified three concerns: 1) if the project is started but not finished before June 30, can the \$200,000 be encumbered?, 2) he needs to read the state contract that the Town is expected to sign and 3) does the project cost more because of the preservation requirements?
  - Deane Rykerson, a preservation architect, will meet with David Ragucci on March 9 to provide a no-fee preliminary assessment of what is involved in complying with the Secretary of Interior's Standards. HC members are invited.
  - Chris argued for an expedited approach that divides the duties of the preservation architect (PA). First, have a PA write the job specifications and begin the bid process. Second, write an RFP for a PA to manage the project to completion.
  - The members discussed the use of Access TV to advocate for approval of the Preservation Restriction. Tom Doyle and Edie Previdi (currently produce "Made in Stoneham") could be approached about filming the panel discussion.

- In the future we may want to consider adding a preservation restriction to the Senior Center. Another tool to protect buildings in the central business district is a local historic district designation. Today the Central Square Historic District is listed on the National Register but this designation does not offer much protection for the buildings.
6. Old Burying Ground
- Marcia noted that Mary Marchant was helpful in finding information on Timothy Baldwin and Samuel Sprague.
  - Each member should draft a script or an outline for their character.
  - Amy Palmerino could not attend tonight's meeting.
  - The members discussed the introduction for the video.
  - John Simeone e-mailed Marcia to say that he is available to help with the OBG inventory.
7. Heritage Award
- Call for nominations will be sent to the Independent and the SUN. Due date is March 28.
  - Three suggestions were made: Bee Russo, Gail Melkonian and Joe Cunningham.

There is no business for the Open Forum.

The meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary