

## **STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

March 6, 2006 - Meeting Minutes

Stoneham Public Library

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

Steve Rotondi called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. The following business was transacted:

1. Reports – The minutes for the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report: \$385 for operating expenses with \$100 earmarked for the speaker in May.
2. Web Page - Chris reported that Tom Cicatelli has agreed to a static web page for the Commission with one or more links to our own page. There will be no user password because of the \$300 annual cost. Chris continues to fine-tune our web page to look more like the town web page. Chris is working on a database to capture gravestone text and pictures using a software package called PHPMagicPlus. He can envision expanding it to include a historical house inventory for the Commission and vital records for the Town or the Historical Society. Chris will explore the feasibility David's idea to capture the data on a palmpilot and have it load to the actual database.
3. OBG Inventory – Chris has heard nothing from Linda Corapi about the inventory project. Both he and Marcia will follow-up with her.
4. Rename Sam Miles Circle – Marcia reported that Water Department records document the street as Micah's Pond Way. The plastic bag is still on the sign.
5. Membership – Steve reported that Amy Brough Palmerino (channel 9) did post the message for volunteers to the Historical Commission. Marcia will follow-up with two people from "Research Your House" Day and Kevin Crowley who lives in an old house on Keene Street.
6. Annual Report – Steve presented the Annual Report for 2005. One addition was suggested regarding on-going vacancies. Steve will e-mail the document to Muriel Doherty.
7. Funding for Fire Station Restoration– no additional information from Brian Domoretsky, Legislative Aide to Paul Casey. Apparently the \$200,000 is still in a House/Senate Conference Committee.
8. Tudor Barn – no changes to the barn. The blue tarp is still in the roof.

9. Central School Building – Marcia has not photographed the Central School yet so that the Commission can pursue adding the building to the state’s MACRIS database. Chris can arrange for the film to be processed to provide archival quality photographs for the submission.
  
10. SHC Library – Our 15 books have their book plated and Mary is willing it install the alarm strips at no charge. Chris is willing to add them to the SHC web page and suggested the web links for the National Register Bulletins be also added.

New Business

11. Heritage Award – Marcia will submit a press release to the papers for Heritage Award nominations due by April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will vote at our May 2nd meeting and probably give the award at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen’s meeting.
  
12. Historic Property Awards -Chris presented an award program that the Southbridge Historical Commission adopted called “Well Maintained Historic Property Awards”. Marcia will discuss at the next Master Plan meeting as they have a similar program as part of their new Beautification Award. Steve wants to be sure this property award does not conflict with our annual Heritage Award.
  
13. Historic District Bronze Plaque – Chris presented this as an option for homeowner’s. We could offer the plaques at cost on our web page. Any money collected would need to go into the town’s general fund or perhaps to the Historical Society. Marcia will check on a composite material that might serve as an alternative to bronze.

The meeting ended at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen,  
Secretary