

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

March 10, 2009 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

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

Absent: Christopher Willard

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes

- The minutes of February 2, 2009 were accepted. **

2. Treasurer's Report

- Joanne reported a \$310 balance in the Operating Account.

3. Fire Station

- Skylight replacement project: 7 vendors submitted bids. Our architect determined that the lowest bidder was decertified from submitting bids and one of the two references was unsatisfactory. A letter will be send to the second lowest bidder.
- Two other requests for additional funds beyond the 1 million dollar bond are in the works. Both are for slightly less than 1 million. One is on the list of 'shovel ready" projects with the Lt. Governor and the other is with Congressman Markey.

4. Web Site

- No report.

5. Historic House Marker Program

- Margaret has delivered 10 Waverly Street. Two markers went back for date corrections: 119 Franklin and 21 Collincote. 12 Gerry Street is being worked on. 170 Franklin needs more research. 58 Lincoln Street is waiting a decision from owner. Pictures and web site agreements need to happen.
- Sharon lovanni has agreed to put the House Marker application in her welcome bag for new residents. 50 copies will be delivered tomorrow.
- Margaret reported that Carolyn Lassiter of Excelsior Realty Group is interested in presenting her clients with a marker if the house is 100 years old.

6. Old Burying Ground/Final Addresses

- No progress on script.
- Joan will ask her friend Denise about being a costumed interpreter for Anna Sprague at the OBG Open House in October.

7. Dow Building Cell Antenna

- Members were mailed two proposals: one from EBi/Verizon asking for comments on two antennas by March 20 and one from EBI/MetroPCS with two faux chimneys as requested by the Zoning Board of Appeals at their February 19 Public Hearing,
- Those present voted 5-0 to send two letters. One to EBI/Verizon speaking against the cable tray attached to the outside of the building, asking them to conform to existing chimneys and requesting photo simulations of the Dow Block with the five potential faux chimneys. A second letter goes to the Zoning Board asking about the legal/technical limit of the number of antennas on a roof and for the Zoning Board to consider adopting a Town standard for fiberglass enclosures for all vendors to use.

8. Measured Mile/Historic Walk

- At a meeting on March 3, the subcommittee discussed a 6" bronze marker of Spot Pond encircled with 12 numbers representing the stops on the walk. The notion of embedding it in the sidewalk was discussed and agreed upon. After the meeting disbanded, a second proposal of a pole sign was considered. In a subsequent e-mail/phone call, the Safe Routes to School Coordinator was not amendable to postponing the casting so that the pole signs could be considered by the entire subcommittee.
- At a meeting on March 9, David Ragucci opined that the DPW could work on embedding 12 markers and a sign for each of the Town's Gateways could be funded with Chapter 90 (highway) money. The ribbon cutting for the Police Box is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 16.

9. Annual Report

- Done and submitted. Two pictures were submitted: OBG Open House and Zachary Kline receiving the 2008 Heritage Award.

10. New Business

- The ad for the Heritage Award Nominations was submitted to both newspapers with a due date of April 1. We will vote at the April 6 meeting..

The meeting ended at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary

**On 8/18/2014 I changed date from February 2, 2008 to February 2, 2009 to fix typo