

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 3, 2005 - Meeting Minutes
Senior Center

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

Steve Rotondi called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. The following business was transacted:

1. Reports – Steve reviewed the Treasurer’s report that has a balance of \$361.52. Chris has not submitted his invoice for \$37.92 for 1 year of web hosting. Marcia submitted an invoice for the two Heritage Award certificates for \$50.00. The May 12th speaker will cost \$150 and further reduce the balance to \$123.60. The members requested that Marcia determine how many copies of Joanne Harriman’s “Images of Stoneham” we could donate to the school libraries. The minutes for the April 4th meeting were accepted.
2. Board Vacancies – Chris noted that at the last Selectmen’s meeting, no one applied to serve of the Historical Commission. They will advertise again. There was no response from Paula Sampson at the High School regarding the possibility of having a graduating student apply for a Commission vacancy. The new slate of officers is as follows: Stephen E. Rotondi, Chair, Christopher Willard, Vice Chair, David Armato, Treasurer, Marcia Wengen, Secretary.
3. Old Business-Demolition Delay By-law – tabled until we have all the seats filled on the Commission. Then Attorney Solomon will be asked to join us.
4. Dr. Paicos’ project – no additional news.
5. Web site – Chris will review his web site (www.townofstoneham.com) with Selectman Kennedy and Attorney Solomon. Attorney Solomon may have some funding from the cable TV budget that could be used to maintain the site. Selectman Kennedy is aware of an on-line payment service that is available to non-profits/municipalities at no cost.
6. Rename Sam Miles Circle – The elementary school voting is underway to rename Sam Miles Circle. With two schools reporting, Micah’s Pond is the favorite. If the other two schools vote similarly, the members will adopt “Micah’s Pond Way” and take it to the Selectmen, probably at their meeting on June 7th. Marcia will send a letter to Mr. Santullo, updating him on the process.
7. Building Permit Applications – Steve told the Commission that Cheryl Noble is in receipt of the letter notifying her that the Commission has no authority to

sign off on the demolition permit until such time as an appropriate by-law is passed at Town Meeting.

8. Preservation Month Activities - Susan Lamm, reading specialist at the South School, will present her one hour slide show about Mary Ann Hathaway Tripp (1810-1906) at the May 12th joint meeting of the Historical Society and the Historical Commission.
9. Annual Heritage Award – Nancy Smith (Colonial Park) and Maureen Welch (South School) will receive this year's Heritage Award for their work in developing the "Tools of History" project to integrate Stoneham's rich history into the third grade curriculum. The presentation will be Tuesday May 24th at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Hearing Room. The School Committee, Dr. Connelly and the principals of Colonial Park and South school will be unofficially told of the event.
10. Open Forum – projects for the coming year. David: more integration with the Friends of the Fells, Chris: web site up and running, Marcia: identify inconsistencies between MACRIS database and 1979 House Inventory listing; Steve: more work in the Old Burying Ground, including matching grave markers with existing houses.

The meeting ended at 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen
Secretary