

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 4, 2010 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

Present: Joan Quigley, Stephen Rotondi, Margaret Warren, Marcia Wengen.

Absent: Paul Foley, Joanne DiMambro

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Welcome

- Stephen Rotondi and Margaret Warren were reappointed for 3 year terms. The officers for 2010-11 are Stephen Rotondi – Chairman, Margaret Warren – Vice Chairman, Joan Quigley – Treasurer, Marcia Wengen – Secretary. There is one vacant seat.

2. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of April 5, 2010 were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported a balance of \$299.63 in the operating account and \$1,105 in the donation account. Joan estimated a balance of \$175 after the Heritage Award, Marcia's parking expenses at the Registry of Deeds and the Fire Station marker.

4. Web Site

- Marcia reported that the thumbnail pix for each house marker needs more research.

5. Historic House Marker Program

- Members agreed to order a marker for Town Hall and list it as our 3rd Town Hall built in 1939. Margaret will submit this request along with requests for the Fire Station and 49 Bow Street. The marker will reduce the account balance to approximately \$125.
- There are no new applications. Marcia continues to research three outstanding requests.
- Joan asked about a possible Eagle Scout project involving OBG signage; one option might be to list the names of the Revolutionary War soldiers.

6. Walking Tour Brochures

- Margaret is working with Maureen Buckley to revise the 2009 version of the Historic Walking Tour brochure. Margaret expects to deliver a CD to the Vocational School for printing in time for Memorial Day, when there will be many people attending the re-dedication of Buckley Park..

7. Burial Ground

- Joan is continuing her research at the First Congregational Church on slave and Native American burials. She is reading the minister's records in the mid-

1800's. After the Civil War the church sponsored a black family from Virginia and a black family from South Carolina.

8. Heritage Award

- Steve has not had a response from Christin Oneschuk about the Award. Marcia offered to contact her. Steve suggested that the certificate be changed from SHS '82 Beautification Fund, Inc. to SHS '82 Beautification Committee. Marcia will try to make this correction happen before the presentation on May 18th.

9. 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.

10. Annual Joint Meeting – May 13th

- The guest speaker will be Maureen Saltzman. She will discuss the Mass Memories Road Show project. An invitation will be sent asking attendees to bring their memorabilia as a “dry run” for the real Road Show.

11. New Business

- The Society's Facebook page has 25 friends.
 - Heather Cole from UMASS Boston will discuss the Road Show on May 19th
 - Marcia will send a “no adverse effect” letter regarding the proposed reorientation and relocation of two existing T-Mobile antenna at 5 Woodland Road.
 - Marcia distributed e-mail correspondence indicating that Paul Holtz at MHC will not require a formal preservation restriction review of the proposed renovation of the Fire Station second floor sleeping quarters currently rented by Action Ambulance.
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- The meeting ended at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary