

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 6, 2008 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes

The minutes of April 7, 2008 were accepted. Marcia reported that as of April 29 the graffiti was gone from the Tudor Barn. Also, Keith MacLeod expressed interest in joining the HC, but he has been accepted at Oxford to study for a master's degree and will likely be leaving for the UK this summer.

2. Treasurer's Report

In Joanne's absence, Steve reported no expenses against our FY 2008 budget of \$385. Marcia has a bill for \$30 for the Heritage Award certificate.

3. Fire Station

The required "Preservation Works" sign was erected on April 24. The award letters totaling \$95,630, were mailed on May 2 to the three lowest bidders. Allowed expenses against the \$140,000 will be under \$1,000 (for postage, printing, signage, legal advertising, etc.) Marcia is working with the preservation architect regarding another project to spend the remaining \$43,000+/-.

4. Web Site

No report in Chris' absence. If Marcia cannot upload the April and May minutes, she will forward them to Chris.

5. Heritage Award

The presentation is scheduled for the Tuesday May 20 at the 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's meeting. Steve discussed Zachary's biography with the members. Joan will speak with her husband, Scoutmaster for Troop 513, concerning other information he might have about Zachary.

6. House Plaque Program

- Members discussed the need to streamline the application procedure. Margaret agreed to edit the document and draft an application for our next meeting.
- Steve presented the idea of a HC logo that could be in the shape of house plaque were decided on.

- The research packet idea was dismissed because of lack of volunteer help to do the work. No subsidy will be offered from the HC donation account.

7. Final Address Project

Steve presented his opening statements for the video. Joan completed research on Timothy Baldwin and Jacob Gould, Stoneham's unsolved murder. A planning session is scheduled for Monday June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

8. New Business

- An 80 foot cell tower is proposed for the northeast corner of St. Patrick's Cemetery. A petition is being circulated asking the Archdiocese to cancel this project that is disrespectful to the families with loved ones buried in the cemetery.
- Marcia thinks this project will fall under the purview of Mass Historic in their capacity to review and comment on certain state and federally licensed, permitted, or funded projects to determine whether or not the proposed project will have an impact on historic or prehistoric properties (National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106). The historic structure in question would be the Senior Center, our 1852 almshouse.
- The members agreed to purchase the \$156.44 portable canopy for Town Day. Margaret will research the purchase of approximately \$119 worth of preservation books that we could donate to the Library. A \$75 honorarium will go to Jay Robbins, our preservation month speaker.

The meeting ended at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary