

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 6, 2014 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

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

Excused: Paul Foley

Guest: Michael Collins, Collins Development

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. North School

- The following items were discussed with Michael Collins:
 - Handicap ramp ~ architect will develop plans; is there another use for the 'pink granite' steps on west side of building so they are not encased in concrete?
 - Electric meters ~ camouflage with vinyl lattice work; possibly add vine like plantings.
 - Window trim color ~ Mike will contact us when sample of almond and 'bronze' are ready to be viewed.
 - Door color ~ Mike will contact us when sample of hale navy or black are ready to be viewed.
 - Bayvents ~ to be painted 'bronze'.
 - West door, sidelights and transom ~ muntins need a deeper profile.
 - South door and sidelights ~ muntins need a deeper profile.

2. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of March 31 were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Joan made the Treasurer's report of \$355 in our operating budget and \$1,160 in the donation account.
- Members discussed uses for the unspent funds and settled on a.) purchasing archival boxes for the tall case in the Stoneham Room or purchasing a lateral file cabinet for Historical Commission filing (such as projects ~ fire station, OBG, Tidd sign, etc)

4. Reorganization

- Joanne DiMambro and Joan Quigley were reappointed to three year terms by the Selectmen. Robert Shannon was appointed to fill two years remaining on the vacant seat. They presented their papers as having been sworn in by Town Clerk.
- The officers voted in for 2014-15 are: Margaret Warren – Co-Chair, Joan Quigley – Treasurer, Marcia Wengen – Co-Chair & Secretary.

5. Website

- Once again the index is in alphabetical order.

6. House Markers

- No new requests.
- 12 Cottage St is researched back to Richard Qualters in 1870. His occupation in a street directory is 'shoemaker'.

7. Burial Ground

- No progress.

8. Tidd Gates

- Marcia reported that contractor Ed Pandolfo has been asked by owner Frank Saia to secure landscaping bids for the area north of the gateposts.
- Robert may know someone who can remove the graffiti from the west post.

9. Fundraising – tax bills

- Marcia reported that the Town Treasurer stated UniPay Gold charges a fee even for donations (\$2.50 for \$1 to \$99.99). Members agreed to table this item and revisit it as needed.

10. Civil War Grant

- Marcia noted the requested Col. Gould document from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) arrived today but she has not review it yet.
- A decision is needed for the contents and location of the historic marker.
- Steve asked if it could be installed by August of 2014.

11. Weiss Farm

- The Board of Selectmen will hold a meeting with the developer John M. Corcoran & Company on May 19th. The public is invited, but questions must be submitted to the Standing Committee beforehand.

12. Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Law

- Outstanding documents: Paul & Steve owe their certificates from the Conflict of Interest on-line test.
- Robert, as a new member of the Commission, is required to read both the Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law and take the test.
- Marcia will send links.

13. Joint Meeting May 8

- In preparation for the Historical Commission/Historical Society meeting, 81 letters regarding the 'Preservation of New England Properties' presentation were signed and mailed. Two were returned as undeliverable.

14. Heritage Award

- The Allard family will attend the May 27th presentation.

15. Real Time traffic Management System

- Jacobs Engineering sent a letter dated April 8 stating, "No message signs are proposed to be located in Stoneham."

16. A.P. Rounds Playground

- Members agreed to send a letter to the Selectmen requesting that they retain the name of Albert P. Rounds should they grant Mr. Celli's request to name the T-ball field after his family.

17. Demo Delay By-Law

- Marcia distributed a copy of Lexington's Demo Delay By-Law for discussion at the June 2 meeting with resident Jim Sullivan.

The meeting ended at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair & Secretary