

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

November 1, 2010 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of October 4, 2010 were approved with a notation that "Mr. Moss" (referenced in item 4) is the owner of 63 Elm Street.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported a balance of \$367.01 in the operating account after payment of a \$17.99 invoice for the OBG Open House sign. The donation account has a balance of \$1,239 after receipt of \$100 from the Stoneham Rotary Club and \$34 (58 participants) from the donation jar at the OBG Open House on October 24.

3. Web Site

- No progress was made during October on adding the 2010 Heritage Award or the thumbnails of the house markers.

4. Historic House Marker Program

- A request from the Day Family at 49 Perkins Street (1751) was received in October.
- No request was received from the owners of 140 Pond Street. Joan noted that John Hill probably owned the land and buildings known at the "Jesse Green Place" prior to Jesse Green. Marcia will research.
- No request was received from the owners of the old Town House.
- No additional information on 8 Gerry Street has been found beyond the 1872 date identified last month. Marcia will continue to research.

5. Burial Ground

- Steve noted there is interest in having the OBG open to the public in the spring.
- Marcia noted that Warrant Article 17 was approved at Town Meeting. It will allow a preservation restriction to be placed on the OBG contingent on Stoneham receiving a grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF). Also, David Ragucci is allowed to write a letter authorizing the use of matching funds from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund. We will not need Town Meeting approval according to Paul Rotondi, Chair of the Board of Selectmen.
- Joan and Marcia attended the Wakefield Historical Society's guided tour of their burying ground on Friday Oct 29. They have headstones dating to the late 1600's and one quite famous headstone (Rev. Jonathan Pierpoint 1709) attributed to Joseph Lamson that is coveted by the Smithsonian.

6. Mass Memories Road Show

- Steve recapped the highly successful event of Saturday October 16. Paul was able to find these statistics on-line: 138 attendees, 118 contributors, 442 images (63 keepsake photos) and 40 videos.

7. Adaptive Reuse of Central School

- Marcia noted that the SEEM Collaborative, current renters of North, East and Central Schools, have a contract that expires in the spring. Although there is an automatic renewal clause, no information is available about how SEEM plans to exercise its options.
- Marcia presented two approaches to adaptively reusing old municipal buildings. Walpole received a technical assistance grant of \$35,000 to study how best to reuse their 1903 public library. Wakefield is about to issue a Request for Proposal to redevelop their 1902 Franklin Elementary school into condos or single family homes or duplexes. Demolition is also an option.
- Joan and Joanne have contacts on the School Committee and will ask what, if anything, is known about the SEEM Collaborative rental status. Marcia will follow-up with Wakefield on their RFP.
- Marcia will follow-up with Fire Chief Rolli on the possibility of buried fuel tanks at the Central School.

8. Dow Block Telecommunication Antennas

- Marcia spoke with Mike Dufour, Chair of the Zoning Board. He has informed the Building Inspector Cheryl Noble that she is not to issue an operating permit for the telecommunication antennas on the Dow Building until he has heard from Metro/PCS about meeting their obligation for faux chimneys.

The meeting ended at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary