

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

November 14, 2005 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

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

Steve Rotondi called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The following business was transacted:

1. Reports – The minutes for the October 3rd meeting were accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report: \$385 for operating expenses and the donation account has a balance of \$1,070, but the extra \$70 belongs to the Cultural Council. Marcia is working with Ron Castignetti to resolve the discrepancy.
2. Web site – Chris has made no progress on the web page, due to a crash of this own system. The Selectmen have made the Web site activation a goal for Ron Florino.
3. Rename Sam Miles Circle – The deed for 7 Sam Miles Circle was registered in Cambridge on Nov 3rd. The name Micah's Pond Way is not referenced on the deed. Marcia will research how the water bill(s) were addressed and contact Chairman Sweeney about this ongoing problem.
4. Book Donations – Steve presented 3 copies of Joanne Harriman's book at the October 19th School Committee meeting and a picture was in the Independent. The books for St Pat's and Edgewood will be mailed with a cover letter. Marcia will research if the Senior Center has a copy of the book.
5. One Montvale Ave - there has been no response to our Oct 1st letter to EBI Consulting regarding the project to place Nextel cell antennae atop the building at One Montvale Ave.
6. Membership – Steve approached both John Hanright (channel 22) and Amy Brough Palmerino (channel 9) about posting a message for volunteers to the Historical Commission. Both agreed, but Steve has not seen an announcement yet.
7. Funding for Fire Station Restoration– State Representative Casey announced House approval of \$200,000 for a "historical building on Central St". The bill is now with the Senate. Chris Willard will speak with Mike Lindstrom, Senator Tisei's legislative aide, on Thursday. Marcia will research the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for historical building rehabilitation.

8. Central School Building – The North Reading lease on the Central School building expires when school is over in June 2006. The building could be returned to the Town as surplus property. The building is not listed on the State or National Register, nor is it inventoried in MHC's MACRIS database. Betsy Friedberg recommended that the SHC submit an inventory form with pictures and ask the Mass Historical Commission to rule on its eligibility for State and National Register listing. Eligibility for listing would be a prerequisite for a historic rehabilitation tax credit. MHC requires archival quality pictures and Chris has a connection at the High School to have the film processed appropriately at no cost.
9. Preservation Month Speaker – the members approved up to \$100 for Alan Seaburg to speak about Frederic Tudor, The Ice King at the May 11, 2006 joint meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen,
Secretary