

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

November 6, 2006 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: David Armato, Stephen Rotondi, Joanne DiMambro, Marcia Wengen,
Absent: Joan Quigley, Christopher Willard

Steve Rotondi called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM.

1. Meeting minutes - The minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report – David reported that there are no expenses against the \$385 for FY'07.
3. Membership – Joanne DiMambro was appointed by the Selectmen until her term expires on April 30, 2008. She does not have an appointment letter and has not been sworn in by John Hanright. Marcia reported that Carol Nickerson has submitted a letter to the Selectmen. She is unable to attend this evening but looking forward to becoming a member.
4. Web Site – no report in Chris's absence.
5. Old Burying Ground
 - Marcia reported that there are four Cemetery Trust Funds (two are expendable and two are non-expendable) listed in the Town's Annual report, according to John Warren, Chair of the Finance and Advisory Board. He would be willing to discuss the Commission proposing a warrant article to access a portion of those funds for the OBG. He would also give us space in the Warrant Book he compiles for Town Meeting for a picture/brief history of the OBG.
 - Steve is interested in creating a video about the "final addresses of famous Stonehamites" in which the HC members would tour the OBG and discuss the history of the Town's founding families. David has a working knowledge of video equipment. Steve will discuss the project with Amy at Community TV. This project could create the interest in funding for much needed headstone restoration and tree repair.
 - Steve noted that Town Counsel advised notifying Mr. Grover at the DPW about our OBG inventory project. There is liability insurance coverage for volunteers. We need to contact Deb Pettengill, Secretary to the Town Administrator, in advance.

6. Cell Towers

- EBI Consulting has received a notice dated 8/18/06 from the Massachusetts Historical Commission that the cell tower project at 100 Fallon Road “is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources.” We did not receive notice of MHC approval. Marcia was told in an e-mail by EBI that approval had been granted. Upon request, MHC forwarded a copy of the approval.
 - There is a second EBI project located near Fellsway-West at the Route 93 South entrance. The HC did not receive initial notification about this project from EBI. We were notified when MHC asked EBI for photo simulations of the proposed monopole disguised as a flag pole. Based on the submitted photos and a discussion of the location, the members voted unanimously to support the project as proposed.
7. National Register – Paul Foley, a resident of 32 Forest Street, contacted the HC about listing his 1905 home on the National Register. He is also interested in having a historic house plaque and keeping his home from the fate of 357 William Street. He was invited to this meeting but did not appear. Marcia will follow-up.

8. Town Resource Book – The members approved the wording in 1999-2000 Town Resource Book for the Historical Commission to be used on the Town’s Web page.

9. Open Forum

- David shared his concerns about the fate of Redstone Shopping Center and the rumors that it could be demolished for condos. Redstone was built in the 1950’s.

The meeting ended at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen,
Secretary