

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 1, 2007 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

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

Guest: Margaret Warren, owner of the Padilla Beard House at 18 Maple Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum. Chris arrived at 7:45 p.m.

1. Book Donation

Commission members presented seven books for the Public Library to Mary Todd. Two will go to the Children's Room and five will be cataloged and kept in the Stoneham Room. The list is attached to the meeting minutes of September 10.

2. Meeting minutes

The minutes of the September 10, 2007 as amended were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report

David report of no expenses against our FY 2008 budget of \$385 was accepted.

4. Town Day

The rainy weather kept people away. A canopy leg broke in the wind. Most vendors appear to have products made by EZ-UP. Marcia will research.

5. Fire Station

- The Preservation Restriction was registered at the Cambridge Registry of Deeds on September 25.
- A draft of the Recommendation Summary from the architectural firm of Durland VanVoorhis in New Bedford was distributed. Priority will likely be given to sealing the leaky joint where the apparatus floor meets the foundation.
- Marcia reported that David Ragucci and Chief Rolli convinced our state legislators to extend the term of the remaining \$140,000 that ended on June 30, 2007. The architect is preparing a cost summary for replacing/painting four bay doors, repairing/ painting the rusted metal trim around the building and sealing the joint described above.

6. Old Burying Ground

- Joan confirmed that Zach Kline's Eagle Scout project to inventory/photograph the OBG cannot begin sooner than Nov 17 because of his after school track commitments
- The Town of Stoneham has assumed financial responsibility for the broken chain link fence at the rear of the OBG. Cleveland Fence has a tentative date to replace 40 feet of fence on October 11. The abutter, Mr. Mazolla, will consider placing some sort of barrier on his side of the fence to limit the plowing of snow and asphalt chunks into the OBG.
- Chris recommended that we ask Mr. Grover to write a letter to Mr. Mazolla noting that damage to the fence will be his responsibility to repair.

7. Final Addresses Project

David continues to work on the script for the video which will include all four cemeteries, but focus on the OBG. Steve and David met with Amy Palmerino and learned how to use the video equipment. A video editing class will follow.

8. Web Page

Chris reported that we each have user names and a password to log on to Historic Commission web page. He is researching the use of the high school computer lab to give us lessons on our web site. He can set up a free voice mail phone number for us.

9. Other Business

- The need for a Historic House plaque program was discussed as a means of encouraging appreciation for the Town's historical assets. Margaret Warren is interested in replacing the plaque that was on her house. The Historical Commission has a role in signage governed by the Town's sign by-law. David suggested making a video of the Town's historic homes. Joan noted that the Vocational School may be a source of free or low cost plaques. Marcia will research.
- Joanne's term runs until April 30, 2008.
- David continues to be concerned about the continued existence of empty storefronts in Redstone. .

The meeting ended at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary