

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 5, 2009- Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Book Presentation

- Mary Todd, Public Library Director, was most appreciative of the history and preservation books presented by the Commission

2. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of September 8, 2009 were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported no change in account balances: \$385 for operating; \$1,087 .for the donation account.

4. Fire Station

- Marcia read an e-mail from Joe Rolli noting that the insurance money was used to repair the water damage on the 2nd floor and put hardwood floors in three other rooms because the firemen were able to do the work themselves.

5. Web Site

- The Town's web page now supports the Historical Commission site. Marcia spoke with Chris Willard ~ he will forward our existing page to the Town's site. He may be able to develop the video walking tour and link it to the Town's web site. Paul Foley offered his help if Marcia cannot convert the meeting minutes to PDF files.
- Steve noted the walking tour is on the Historical Society's web page. Margaret placed photocopies of the brochure at the Library and in the police box. There are two Girl Scout troops interested in taking the tour.
- Margaret noted the "Googling" the Stoneham Historical Commission does not present our Town web page at the top of the list. Marcia will research.

6. Dow Building Cell Antenna

- Steve signed a letter to EBI/Verizon requesting that EBI engage the company who manufactured the faux chimney at 16-22 Harvard in Medford for all five chimneys (two already approved for Metro/PCS and three proposed). No response was received.
- No obvious work has on the Dow Block roof by Metro/PCS.
- Marcia reported that Cathy Rooney in the ZBA office received an information request from T Mobile. Marcia questioned where more telecommunications gear would go on an already crowded rooftop.

7. Historic House Marker Program

- Seven markers are researched and carved; of these, only the Library marker and Padilla Beard are not installed. No additional research has been done on the remaining dozen or so requests. Marcia suggested that she meet with Joan and Margaret to review progress, especially the three houses that are problematic.

8. Burial Ground Open House

- The OBG will be open from 2-4 pm on the Sunday before Halloween, weather permitting. Denise Lawrence and Bob Shannon, our costumed interpreters, are expected to be there.
- Steve suggested Marcia put a notice about the Open House in the newspapers.

9. Mass Highway Lighting Project

- No response is needed to the Sept 21, 2009 letter from FST Engineers, Burlington, MA for phase 2 of the Route I-93 Lighting from Reading to Medford.

10. Other business

- Even though *Town Day* was rescheduled to Sunday Sept 20 at 1 pm, the event was well attended and our booth generated much interest.
- The *historical walk brochures* continue to be problematic as there is no financial source to print more copies. Consideration is being given to applying to SBCEF for a grant.
- Margaret noted the Library will be applying for the *Mass Memories Road Show*, a one day opportunity for Stoneham residents to share their history and memories as part of a state wide digital history project. Steve requested more information before committing the Historical Commission to the project.
- The Historical Society will present an appraisal night on October 13 from 6:45 pm to 9 pm. Items are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

The meeting ended at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary