

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 2, 2006 - Meeting Minutes

Stoneham Public Library

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

Guests: Carol Nickerson, Bill Quigley, John Simeone, Zack Kline

Steve Rotondi called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Mary Todd, Library Director, was presented with five preservation books that will be catalogued and circulated from the Stoneham Room. A presentation of five preservation books

1. Meeting minutes - The minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report – David reported that \$385 is budgeted for FY'07. The closing balance for June 30th was \$60 (rounded).
3. Correspondence – A copy of the thank you letter from Helen and Norma Lister was distributed to the members.
4. Membership – Joan Quigley was sworn in by John Hanright. Her term expires April 30, 2008. Steve will check with Joanne DiMambro on the status of her letter to the Selectmen.
5. Web Site – Chris may have time in November to review the web site administration with Marcia. In the interim, he will reset the password for us. User name is our first initial and last name. Marcia will develop the standard information for the Town's web page (check the Town's resource booklet).
6. Town Day – Town Day, September 16, was successful. Carol Nickerson and John Simeone are guests this evening because of our Old Burying ground exhibit on Town Day.
7. Fallon Road Cell Tower – EBI Consulting has not sent the requested photographic simulation of the proposed telecommunications monopole on Fallon Road.
8. OBG Inventory – Steve reviewed the Find-A-Grave website on which he listed to graves from the OBG (Samuel Sprague and Reverend Osgood). Chris reviewed the gravestone link on our web page and a software package he is evaluating that allows searches on every piece of data. We would need donations to load the software onto plampilots. John Simeone

discussed “CemEditor” software that he found on the web. Chris will evaluate.

- Is the DPW looking at software to automate their cemetery transactions?
 - Bill Quigley discussed the Eagle Scout requirements, which include a project plan with cost estimates, 3 levels of approvals, 200-400 volunteer hours, and completion no later than the day before the scout’s 18th birthday. The group discussed the creation of 15 ft grid squares, the need for a numbering scheme, photographs, possible subprojects, cemetery etiquette and a demonstration of how to transcribe the data from the headstone to paper or to a database. Bill will discuss this opportunity with his scouts and get back to us.
 - Marcia will draft a letter to Bob Grover to give him advanced notice of our interest in inventorying the OBG. Joan noted the poor condition of the fence dividing the OBG and Mr. Mazolla’s property. Steve will talk with Town Counsel regarding use of the cemetery fund and liability issues during the inventory process.
9. Open Forum –
- The members reviewed a Mass Historical Commission document provided by Ron Florino that outlines the details of the \$200,000 Fire Station renovation project. Chris noted that no scope of work is attached. Marcia noted a concern expressed by Town Counsel at the Sept 12 Selectmen’s meeting that the preservation restriction “in perpetuity” may too long.
 - Joan noted that a house was demolished on Tremont Street. Marcia will speak with Cheryl Noble, Building Inspector, about getting access to the list of issued demolition permits.

The meeting ended at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen,
Secretary