

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 4, 2010 - Meeting Minutes

Stoneham Public Library

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of June 7, 2010 were approved with a spelling correction in item 4 – “first” not “fist”. No meetings were scheduled for July and August. The September 7th meeting was not convened due to lack of a quorum.

2. Treasurer’s Report

- Joan reported a balance of \$3.90 in the operating account for FY ’10 after payment for the books and wallet calendars. There is \$1,105 in the donation account and \$385 in the operating account for FY ’11. Marcia will submit an invoice of less than \$20 for the OBG Open House sign.

3. Web Site

- No progress was made over the summer on adding the 2010 Heritage Award or the thumbnails of the house markers.

4. Historic House Marker Program

- At Town Day, Joan spoke with the owner of 140 Pond Street who may be interested in a marker.
- The Goldfarb’s requested a marker c.1709 for their 10 Bow Street home. Marcia is reviewing the documentation that was submitted.
- The owners of the first Town House are interested in replacing their historical sign that details the moving of the building across Gould’s Meadow. Margaret will research options with Gamit. This would be in addition to having one of our markers.
- Mr. Moss asked that his check for \$55 be destroyed since it is at least a year old. He will replace it when the research on his house is completed. Marcia noted the lot lines on his property continually change and/or there is no reference to a house. Joan questioned how the date on the Tay house was established.
- Marcia will send Margaret information on George Cloutman that she found earlier today in the 1872 tax book in the Library. A definitive date can be established by deed research in Cambridge of this 8 Gerry Street address.
- There are no new applications.

5. Walking Tour Brochures

- Margaret reported that Stoneham Bank was thanked in writing for their payment of \$250 to the Vocational School for 5,000 Historical Walking Tour brochures. Margaret keeps the police box stocked with brochures.

6. Burial Ground

- In preparation for the OBG Open House on October 24, Marcia will inquire of DPW if the temporary water hose will be removed before that date. It supplies Pine Street residents during the water main replacement project. Joan and Joanne will meet Marcia about an hour early to setup for the event.
- Stoneham's Rotary Club asked Steve about finding a speaker for their October 26 meeting. Marcia agreed to talk about the Old Burying Ground.
- Joan noted that the Wakefield Historical Society will present a guided tour of their burying ground on Friday Oct 29 at 5:15pm.

7. Stoneham, MA: A Shoe Town on CD

- Steve has had no response from Attorney Solomon regarding our copyright and if any proceeds for proposed CD sales must be returned to the town. Steve will e-mail Town Counsel again.

8. Mass Memories Road Show

- Maureen Saltzman presented the series of public service announcements that were created featuring the Roadshow to be held on Saturday October 16. These outreach stories were very well done.

9. Town Day

- Joan reported that there was steady traffic at our booth. The owners of 140 Pond Street were especially interested in the house marker program.

10. Warrant Article

- Warrant article 17 for the October 21 Town Meeting asks for a preservation restriction on the OBG. Marcia distributed a copy of the motion that she will read at Town Meeting. It was prepared by the Massachusetts Historical Commission to further clarify that the restriction is contingent upon receipt of a matching grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund.
- Attorney Solomon ruled on Sept 28 that this motion was not outside the scope of the article.

11. New Business

- Marcia will contact Mary Todd about a November book presentation.
- The members discussed and voted "no adverse effect" for the First Baptist Church at 459 Main Street concerning the proposed installation of telecommunications antennas. Clearwire Technologies plans to follow the identical path that we negotiated in March of 2004 for the T-Mobile installation.
- The MetroPCS antennas appeared on the Dow Building on or about Sept 27 but do not have the faux chimneys covering them as the Zoning Board required. Joan is concerned because the faux chimneys in West Medford are not a good match to the existing chimneys. Marcia will follow-up.

The meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary