

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 8, 2008 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

Present: Joan Quigley, Stephen Rotondi, Margaret Warren (by phone), Marcia Wengen, Christopher Willard

Absent: Joanne DiMambro

Guest: Taryn Patrick, Wellman Associates

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes

The minutes of June 2, 2008 were accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report

In the treasurer's absence, Steve reported a \$385 balance. The members voted to pay a \$60 invoice for pens to be given out at Town Day.

3. Cell Antenna Proposal for Dow Building – Section 106 review

- On Aug 12, the Mass Historical Commission reported a “no adverse effect” for the proposed Metro PCS cellular service atop the Dow Building. We have not had an opportunity to comment. The June 25, 2008 request letter from EBI Consulting was misplaced at the Historical Society and not opened until July 9. David Akerblom from EBI e-mailed Marcia Wengen on July 22, 2008 to await a new set of project plans.
- Ms. Taryn Patrick presented new zoning maps, photo simulations and fiberglass samples of faux chimney material. The cables will be inside the building rather than on the façade. She will clarify the placement of the guy wires, the condenser location and provide photo simulations of the west view.
- Chris suggested the use of trompe l’oeil to make the stealth chimney appear to have the same shape, design and mass as the existing chimneys. Taryn requested that the HC research this alternative.

4. Fire Station

- The floor repair project, begun on July 7, delayed by the masonry contractor and re-started on July 21, uncovered rusted rebar due to water penetration. This resulted in an August 2 change order that has a “not to exceed cost” of \$28,400.
- Bids for limited historic window replacement were opened on June 12, July 9 and August 6. On June 12 no one responded. Only one bid at \$22,900 for the front 6 windows was viable, but cannot be accepted because the window money must now be allocated as contingency for the masonry repair.

- The presence of lead in the existing cornice paint was confirmed by an independent laboratory at 23% by weight, “a very high concentration”. The Board of Health requested and was given a control plan for paint removal by the contractor that included on-site storage of paint chips in a 55 gallon drum and subsequent removal of same. Paint will be hand scraped. The painting contractor prepared a sample area that included the use of the rust arrestor the week of August 18. The architect approved the sample on August 26 and scraping began on August 27.
- The color scheme from the 1940’s will be Russian White on the galvanized metal trim and New England Green on the doors.

5. Web Site

No work was done on the web site over the summer.

6. House Plaque Program

- Margaret presented the revised procedure and application. Two changes were made: installation of the plaque is by the user; our web address was added.
- Steve thanked Margaret for her hard work over the summer to have this program ready for Town Day. Gamit Signs crafted a beautiful 12” x 16” sign for the Padilla Beard house that will be displayed at Town Day this coming Saturday.

7. Final Address Project

No work was done after our Monday June 9 planning meeting.

8. Old Burying Ground

Joan presented two CD’s of the 2007 OBG inventory + the 1858 inventory. Steve will take one copy to the next Historical Society meeting and the other copy will be given to the Library at the October 6th book presentation.

9. New Business

- Stoneham Access TV is offering an opportunity for local organizations to appear live on Thursday Sept 18 to promote their activities
- Joan owns a copy of a CD about Woburn Tanneries that won a 2008 Telly Award. It’s worth viewing for the quality of the production.

The meeting ended at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary