

## **STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

September 8, 2009- Meeting Minutes  
Stoneham Senior Center

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

*Present by phone:* Margaret Warren

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

### 1. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of June 1, 2009 were approved.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- Joan reported \$3.00+/- in our operating budget for year ended June 30, 2009. We have \$385 for this fiscal year. The donations from the OBG on June 13 totaled \$31 bringing the donation account to \$1, 087.
- The selection of books will be donated to the Library at next month's meeting.

### 3. Fire Station

- The Project Completion Report was submitted to MHC on June 9. The \$38,669 balance on the \$200,000 was received by the Town on Aug 24. The skylight and hardwood floor projects are done. There is a small balance from the Tourism Grant of \$31,250, which will be needed to replace a portion of the new floor damaged by an A/C leak. Marcia will check about insurance to cover the damage.

### 4. Web Site

- Nothing has been updated on our web site. Marcia will talk to Chris Willard.
- Margaret created an e-mail address for us: [stonehamhistoricalcommission@gmail.com](mailto:stonehamhistoricalcommission@gmail.com). She checks it periodically.

### 5. Dow Building Cell Antenna

- Members received by US mail the September 1st documents from EBI regarding the three Verizon cell towers on the Dow Building. This letter is a follow-up to an April 7 letter in which Ms. Farley respectfully refused to provide photo simulations of both the MetroPCS and Verizon chimneys.
- Members review the new simulations that include the chimneys of both vendors and noted that the placement of the Verizon chimneys is not symmetrical due to the space constraints on the Dow Block roof. A letter will be sent to Ms. Farley requesting that EBI engage the company who manufactured the faux chimney at 16-22 Harvard in Medford for all five chimneys (two already approved and three awaiting approval).

6. Historic House Marker Program

- Seven markers are researched and carved; of these, only the Library marker and Padilla Beard are not installed. The owner of 119 Franklin requested and received a second marker for the back door. Thirteen are in various stages of research.
- Members agree that the owner of 40 Wright Street could have three names on her marker.
- Members did not approve an \$80 purchase of a DVD of Grantor (seller) Indices from 1896-1973 on the theory that they do not go back far enough in time.
- Members voted 5-0 to pay expenses incurred in researching house markers including Historical Commission research fees and parking fees from the annual operating budget.

7. Town Day

- The Historical Commission is in space #90 on Saturday Sept 12. Set-up crew will meet at 8 am. Coverage is needed from 11 am to 4 pm.

8. Burial Gound Open House

- The OBG will be open, weather permitting, on Sunday Oct 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. Joan will confirm with Bob Shannon and Denise Lawrence that they are again interested in being costumed interpreters.

9. Historic Walk

- There are no walking tour flyers in the Police Box. Marcia has a small supply from the last OBG Open house and is planning to display them at Town Day.. Joan will speak with David Gardner about the cost to print another set of flyers.

The meeting ended at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary