

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 8, 2003 -- Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

Present: Peter Bracciotti, Rosemarie McDonald, Peggy O'Keefe, Steve Rotondi, Marcia Wengen, and Christopher Willard.

Excused: Betty Whelan

The meeting began at 7:36 PM with the minutes from the June 3rd meeting being accepted as written. The following business was transacted:

1. Peggy O'Keefe gave the Treasurer's report, indicating that we have \$385 in the Town Administrator's budget. The committee approved reimbursement to Marcia Wengen for the following expenses: \$3.00 for the Heritage Award Plaque engraving and \$5.55 for postage to notify homeowners of the trolley tour.
2. The Heritage Award Plaque was engraved with Donna Weiss's name. The cost for a new plaque with 15 nameplates is \$65, but the center shield would not have silver trim. The cost to add a piece of wood with 30 plates is \$72. Marcia will investigate other alternatives with Dinn Brothers.
3. The members tentatively approved the expenditure of \$40 to reimburse Marcia Wengen for registration at the Mass Historical Commission Preservation Conference, pending presentation of a cancelled check. In the future, the members will discuss and vote on which meetings are worth attending, who should attend and how much money, if any, will be taken from the budget to cover educational expenses.
4. Marcia Wengen will draft a grant application for Local Cultural Council funds toward a speaker for Preservation Week. The grant will be reviewed at the next meeting, as it needs to be submitted by October 15th.
5. Chief Lamey is scheduled to attend our October 6th meeting at the Library. Marcia expects some of the members of the Historical Society Board to be present.
6. After some discussion about alternative vendors, the members voted to spend up to \$45 for a banner to be used at Town Day on Saturday. Chris will confirm that Kinkos on Rte. 1 in Saugus is still offering a \$30 product.

7. The members discussed the postponed Trolley Tour to raise funds for the Senior Center's building maintenance fund. Peggy noted that "pay-in-advance" tours have not been well received at either the Library or the Senior Center this year. Chris thought that having a trolley at next year's Town Day might attract "impulse" buyers. We could try to make a deal with the Trolley Company for a percentage of ticket sales or see if the Local Cultural Council would give us a grant for one or more trolleys. Marcia would still like to have the Trolley Tour as a fundraising event for the Senior Center. Chris may prepare a questionnaire to be handed out at Town Day.
8. Steve Rotondi will contact Dr. Paicos and ask him to attend our November 3rd meeting regarding the project to identify historically significant landmarks in the Middlesex Fells. Marcia Wengen will follow-up on the August 13th letter to the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) asking for their support for the project. After the November meeting, the members will consider setting up a sub-committee to identify all of the town's significant landmarks and perhaps develop a theme.
9. After lengthy discussion, the members tabled to question of writing a letter in support of the Gutierrez Company's mitigation efforts regarding Woodland Road. While Attorney Houghton claims to have preliminary guidelines regarding the Historic Parkway Initiative, Marcia indicated that no such guidelines are available from Betsy Shure-Gross' office in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA). Peter Bracciotti suggested a very creative land swap deal. There will be a 30-day comment period once the Gutierrez Company submits its Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) to EOEA.
10. The members had no warrant articles for the October 27th Town Meeting.
11. The meeting ended at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary