

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 10, 2007 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

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

Excused: Joanne DiMambro, Christopher Willard

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes

The minutes of the June 4, 2007 were accepted. No meeting was held on June 18, 2007.

2. Treasurer's Report

David reviewed the expenses for FY 2007 and reported a balance of \$77 which will be turned back to the town. Ron Florino confirmed that the budget for FY 2008 is \$385.

3. Fire Station

- Marcia reported that the architectural firm of Durland VanVoorhis of New Bedford has been chosen for the study work on the Fire Station, The Existing Conditions Systems Report has been submitted. Deborah Durland described the repair she will be recommending for the joint where the apparatus floor meets the driveway. Rainwater is leaking onto the basement wall/floor. She will also be recommending that all the brick work be repointed.
- The original 1916 blue prints were located at the Mass Archives in Dorchester and all 13 sheets have been digitally archived by a professional photographer as they were too fragile to be scanned.
- All the Selectmen except Mr. Sweeney have signed the Preservation Restriction. Mr. Sweeney is apparently away on vacation.

4. Old Burying Ground

- Joan confirmed that Zach Kline's project to inventory the OBG has been approved by the Boy Scout authorities. He could start this month and she will e-mail us with a date. David suggested that a scout working on his Communications Merit Badge may be interested in filming all or some of the project. Joan will make an inquiry.
- Marcia will edit the letter to Mr. Grover at DPW and send to Steve for his review.
- Steve remembers a wooden sign in the OBG listing the names of Revolutionary War soldiers, but not a sign for the Town's slaves. Joan would like to erect a memory stone for the slaves. She is aware that Jonathan Green owned two slaves. Funds for such a project are non-existent.

- Joan and Marcia met with Deb Herook of Cleveland Fence and determined that 40 feet of the 140 chain link fence at the rear of the OBG could be replaced for \$1,000 or less. Steve Mazolla is the owner of the fence. Carol Nickerson might be interested in donating funds in memory of her parents for the repair but we would need Mr. Mazolla's permission and access to his property as a staging area for the posts and fencing.

5. Final Addresses Project

David continues to work on the script for the video which will include all four cemeteries, but focus on the OBG. Steve will contact Amy at Access TV for a time/date to learn how to use the video equipment, hopefully while David is on vacation.

6. Other Business

- Book Donation - Joan and Marcia purchased seven books to be donated to the Public Library. Mary Todd will be invited to our October meeting for the presentation.
- Traffic and Safety Improvements – Marcia will respond to the July 17 letter from Bayside Engineering regarding two intersections: Main and North Street; Main and South Street. The Historical Commission is asked to comment because it is anticipated that the project will be supported in part by federal funds, thus requiring review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. On Attachment 3, North Border Road and South Street are incorrectly identified. Also, South Street is listed as part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways Historic District, a fact that Bayside Engineering did not document in their letter.
- Historic Houses - Update on two houses listed on the State Register: Patrick Cogan's house at 12 Tremont has been sold. The old meeting house at the corner of Central and Pleasant is for sale.
- Town Day – David, Joan and Marcia will staff the Historical Commission booth on Saturday Sept 15. Marcia has printouts of several of the 1916 Fire Station blueprints.

7. New Business

David expressed interest in serving on the St. Patrick church history committee. Both Steve and David have been approached but no meeting has been convened.

The meeting ended at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Secretary