

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 11, 2006 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Senior Center

Present: David Armato, Stephen Rotondi, Marcia Wengen

Excused: Christopher Willard

Guest: Joan Quigley

Steve Rotondi called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. Meeting minutes - The minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting were accepted with one spelling correction.
2. Treasurer's Report – David reported that \$385 is budgeted for FY'07. He estimated the balance in our FY '06 account to be \$59 and will confirm that with Deb Pettingill and give us a report at the next meeting.
3. Web Site – No report in Chris' absence. Marcia was unable to meet with Chris over the summer to learn Web page administration.
4. Membership – Joan Quigley wrote a letter to the Selectmen. She may be appointed at tomorrow evening's meeting. Steve noted that Joanne DiMambro may be interested in joining the Commission.
5. OBG Inventory – Joan noted that for an Eagle Scout project, the Scout has to conceive the project, obtain approval and manage it to completion. Her husband, Bill, is willing to come to our October 2 meeting to discuss options.
6. Book Donations – The members reviewed the five preservation books that were purchased for the Library. Marcia will check with Mary Todd about a time to do the presentation. Given that two of the books are field guides, it makes sense for them to circulate. Marcia will check on the circulation question.
7. Town Day – The HC will staff a booth at Town Day on September 16. The theme is the Old Burying Ground. We may be able to attract interested citizens to help with the inventory project.
8. Proposed Fallon Road Cell Tower –Mass Historical Commission sent a July 25, 2006 letter to EBI Consulting requesting a photographic simulation of the proposed telecommunications monopole from multiple vantage points along Fellsway West and from within the historic districts referenced in the letter. We will receive copies of the photos.

9. Home Depot Site – Mass Historical Commission sent an August 9, 2006 letter to the Environmental Secretary regarding their four concerns: road modifications to North Border Road, signalization improvements at North Border Road, South Street and Rte 28, traffic impacts on the Historic District Parkways and the potential effects of new construction on the character and setting of the adjacent and proximate historic properties.

10. Open Forum: Marcia noted that the Cogan House at 10 Flint Ave is again for sale. A Stoneham resident from Hersam Street is interested in restoring it to a one family house and expanding the back wall for kitchen improvements. Marcia explained that the National Register status does not impact either of these projects. Steve noted that he was contacted about the slate roof on the Botume House.

The meeting ended at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen,
Secretary