Stoneham Historical House Marker Program Application Instructions

Please join in celebrating your home's special place in local history with your Stoneham neighbors! To emphasize the importance of stewardship in maintaining older buildings, the Stoneham Historical Commission is sponsoring a historic marker program that recognizes structures built at least fifty years ago that maintain their basic character. This is a wonderful opportunity to show pride of ownership and to help your community appreciate your home's architectural heritage. Markers also make unique and thoughtful gifts.

How to get a home recognized:

Apply to the Historical Commission using the attached simple form. Provide any known information about the structure and its origins (deed, census, tax listing, etc.), plus a current photograph if available.

Volunteers from the Historical Commission will research local and county records in an effort to verify a date of construction and, if possible, the original owner's name.

The Historical Commission will review the application and determine if the structure is eligible for the program. Buildings must be constructed at least fifty years ago and should retain substantial design character. Additions and changes should be in keeping with the original style.

The marker serves only to highlight a home that contributes to Stoneham's rich character. Even though the marker has been awarded, there are no restrictions on the property. There is no obligation to preserve the character of the building, although the Commission obviously hopes that its integrity will be maintained. There is no requirement that the building be listed on the State or National Register of Historical Places.

Plaque details:

White with black lettering and accents
House-shaped, largest dimensions 12" high x 16" wide
Durable PVC material
Attaches with four screws, included and with holes pre-drilled
Cost: $65, delivery included
The Commission recommends that the plaque be installed to the right of the front door, at eye level.