

STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 14, 2015 - Meeting Minutes
Stoneham Public Library

Present: Stephen Rotondi, Margaret Warren, Marcia Wengen, Dolly Wilson,

Absent: Joan Quigley, Robert Shannon, Margaret Zoladkowski

Guest: Brenda Flynn

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Nobility Hill National Historic District

- Brenda Flynn presented a draft of the neighborhood fundraising effort through a web site called Indiegogo. Her site includes dialogue and pictures about the District. She has located reasonably priced aluminum signage from Lake Shore Industries in PA and will attempt to raise \$4,000 to cover the cost of two signs. The timetable is January of 2016 for newspaper and social media articles to direct folks to the site. Indiegogo allows for a 60 day fundraising period.
- She has already engaged a number of neighbors while on her picture taking expedition. The Commission may co-sign a letter in January urging the neighbors to support the project.
- Due to the added cost of \$300, the town seal will be eliminated. The proposed color is blue and gold. Marcia will discuss colors with the wayfinding subcommittee of the Stoneham Square Action Plan Advisory Committee (SSAPAC).
- Brenda sees the role of the Commission as advisory and organizational. Our goal will be to work with the town for sign location on Chestnut Street and its installation. Michael Roberts of 33 Cedar Ave has already volunteered space for the second sign. The Commission has earmarked \$134 to support the project.

2. Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of June 1 were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- In Joan's absence, Marcia reported \$385 in the operating account, \$134.41 encumbered this past June, and \$1,204 is in the donation account.

4. Other Projects

- The discussion of the Col. Gould marker was postponed until Margaret Z. could be present.
- 100th birthday for the Fire Station. Dolly discussed a possible project to integrate the history of the fire station with the 3rd grade study of local history. Dr. Olson will be contacted about our agreement on having the students create banners using the Woburn 375th anniversary project as a model.
- Warrant article. Commission members supported the submission of an article for October 22 Town Meeting to paint the trim on the fire station as required by the preservation restriction granted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission at Town Meeting of May 7 and 10, 2007 (Article 28). Dolly raised a question about needing money in the warrant article in order to submit. Marcia will check with the Town Accountant.
- All other items on the agenda were put on hold until more members are present.

5. Administrative Changes

- Joanne DiMambro submitted her resignation after the June meeting but has agreed to stay on as our Alternate until April of 2016. Dolly Wilson, who was our Alternate, applied for Joanne's position through April of 2107. The Board of Selectmen approved the swap.

- Margaret announced her resignation from the Historical Commission effective immediately as she and her family are leaving Stoneham to be closer to work, family and school.
- Steve announced that after 27 years on the Historical Commission he will not seek reappointment next April.

The meeting ended at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair & Secretary