

## FEBRUARY 28, 2013 MINUTES

### ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The February meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those present: Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, Suzanne Hinman, Mary Ann Haagen, Celie Aufiero, Linda Jones Meredith Smith, Chair. The January minutes were approved as written. Meredith Smith was re-elected as Chair of the Commission.

MARKER UPDATE: Mary Ann Haagen gave a review of what she has done so far on re-writing the text and accompanying research for the proposed historic marker. She is focusing on what makes us unique and how we are connected in so many ways to the Shakers. Mary Ann has also found documentation regarding the Shaker connection with the railroad which has been questioned by NH Historic Resources.

GREELEY HOUSE: Meredith Smith gave a brief update of what is happening with the Greeley House project, noting that the committee spearheading the renovations has given up the quest for Federal Tax incentives. They are currently looking and what renovations will be necessary to make the property desirable for rental or sale.

ANNUAL AWARD: The Commission voted not to present a preservation award at this year's town meeting. All agreed that the purpose of the award was to recognize outstanding work or achievements in the field of historic preservation in Enfield. It was not to be given to simply an attractive house renovation.

CAMP EASEMENT PROGRAM: Meredith reported that Jeanie McIntyre, Ex. Director of the Upper Valley Land Trust had canceled their meeting due to a death in her family. It will be rescheduled for sometime in March.

RAILROAD BRIDGE UPDATE: The Commission discussed the current status of the old motel property and the railroad underpass. Currently, the decision on whether to remove the railroad underpass bridge is in the hands of the Federal Highway Administration. The Rail Trail alliance objects to the removal of the underpass, as does NH Historic Resources. Unfortunately, the plan favored by the Rail Trail Alliance would prevent any substantial waterfront development (park, picnic area, town docks). It is hoped that the town's proposed location of Main Street will prevail.

OLD HOME DAYS: Meredith Smith brought up the subject of reviving Old Home Days for Enfield, based on the great success of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Mary Ann suggested we not do it every year. Marjorie Carr mentioned that the Upper Valley band is coming this summer. All thought we might use this to build on an Old home Day celebration for next year. Meredith will contact EVA and other town organizations to see if there is any interest in this idea.

MUSEUM NEWS: Mary Ann updated the Commission on current Museum activities. There will be the Annual Spring Forum in April and in March, the Museum will offer a series of free lectures on the Enfield Shakers. There are also several other on-going activities sponsored by the Museum aimed at both children and adults.

OTHER BUSINESS: Celie asked who is behind the ad for the recreational director and why the job would differ from the present recreational director.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Smith, Chair