

FEBRUARY 24, 2011, 2010 MINUTES
ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The February meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on February 24, 2011. Those in attendance: Rebecca Stewart, Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, Suzanne Hinman, Mary Ann Haagen, and Meredith Smith. The January minutes were approved, pending typo corrections.

250th CELEBRATION: The Heritage Commission's event participation will focus on the Colonial Ball, to be held at the Stone Mill Building on July 2. The planning is well underway. Rebecca Stewart will be looking for a sponsor or sponsors. She would like to offer door prizes as well. Rebecca mentioned the English country dance classes in Norwich that might be of interest to people planning to attend the ball. She also offered free loan of dresses (historic) from her costume collection to Heritage members. Celie offered to be the contact to the Garden Club regarding flowers for the event.

ANNUAL AWARD GUIDELINES: Postponed review till next month, pending members review of draft guidelines

SIGNAGE UPDATE: Mary Ann has done footnotes for historic marker sign.

SHAKER BRIDGE THEATRE: Meredith Smith reported to the Commission of her attendance at the theatre's "brainstorming session" on February 15 and explained the dire situation the theatre is in. All agreed this was a wonderful cultural asset for Enfield and needs to be encouraged. Rebecca mentioned how disappointing it was that Bill Coons was not nominated for an award last year. Celie asked about what he has in mind, doing a Shaker play and would it conflict with 250th. She was reassured it would not as Coons would be doing it next winter season.

Celie's Play: She has had difficulty in finding plays by Edmund Locke so is now thinking about a Victorian melodrama. A play she is looking at is "Dirty Work at the Crossroads".

BRIDGE PROPERTY UPDATE: The February 28 public forum will be an opportunity for more information regarding the possible purchase of the Bill property by the town. The possible waterfront recreation development project was discussed at length. Rebecca Stewart voiced her strong opposition to the town purchase of the Bill property. She commented that the town could buy the Muzzey property for half the price and make the Enfield Center Town Hall usable. Mary Ann Haagen said she felt there was no comparison with the Muzzey property with the waterfront property. Suzanne Hinman stated that she thought it would make a wonderful gateway to Enfield.

EVA UPDATE: Meredith read a report on EVA's activities from Dolores Struckhoff, EVA Executive Director.

OTHER BUSINESS: Rebecca brought up the brochure she had roughed out promoting the National Register District. It was agreed that this project could be put aside until after the 250th celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair