

MARCH 22, 2012 MINUTES

ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

The March meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference room. Those attending were Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Linda Jones, Steven Schneider, special guest, Kim Quirk, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Due to a problem with the printing of the minutes, the approval of the February minutes was postponed until the April meeting.

The Commission welcomed Linda Jones as their new member, replacing the seat vacated by Rebecca Stewart.

An extensive discussion of the new Shaker Bridge and the grand opening ceremonies resulted in several suggestions. The date for the grand opening was set at Saturday, September 15. Suggestions for the celebration ceremonies include: a double ribbon cutting at both ends of the bridge with a "citizens' walk across the bridge, inviting all political figures, both local and state, a family picnic somewhere near the bridge site, a pre-bridge opening program at the Enfield Village School with involvement from the school children at the ceremony, a parade of some sort with high school band, Enfield Shaker Singers, Museum exhibits relating to the bridge, and a possible function at the Museum such as a luncheon or dinner. Meredith Smith will call David Wilson at the high school to check on the possibility of the band's participation. She will also contact Enfield Village School to discuss a possible program there.

Meredith Smith updated the Commission on her participation in the webinar course she is taking in preparation for the application for Great Stone Dwelling as a National Historic Landmark. Emily Rowe, Shaker Museum Trustee is also taking the course. Meredith will be working with Emily on this project.

A lengthy discussion of the historic marker project and the issue of wording resulted in the Commission deciding to wait until Nancy Dutton, Chair of the NH Historic Advisory Council, had an opportunity to discuss the matter with Elizabeth Muzzey, Director of NH Historic Resources.

Once again, the deferred maintenance of the Enfield Center Town House was discussed. All felt that the windows were the most important issue right now. The glazing has deteriorated to a point that the glass could fall out. There is approximately \$4000 available for repairs. Meredith Smith agreed to talk to Dave's Glass Barn about an estimate for re-glazing the windows. It probably will not be possible for all the windows to be done with the available funds but the Glass Barn will be asked to determine the most critically needed repairs and undertake those. The possibility of volunteer painters was also raised, since painting the sash will be time consuming and expensive. After Dave of the Glass Barn gives his estimate, a call can be put out for volunteer painters.

Also regarding the Town House, Celie is considering doing another play at the Town House. It would be towards the end of August, working with the same group she gathered last year.

Special guest, Kim Quirk, Chair of the Enfield Energy Commission, updated the Heritage Commission on plans for lighting of the new Shaker Bridge. The Selectboard has agreed to have the same lamp posts that are on Main Street but the globes are still a matter of discussion. Kim presented an array of options. The Commission felt that the globes should come as close to those on Main Street BUT meet the lighting ordinance standards. Suzanne spoke about reasons WHY it is VIP to comply with light ordinance. It would seem that the existing lamp globes, which are light polluters, might be retrofitted at some point to comply with present lighting ordinances.

Under other business, Suzanne brought illustrations of alternative historic marker plaques. It was felt that a uniform design and color would be the best choice for future markers on historic homes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair