

October 25, 2012 MINUTES

ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Shirley Green, Meredith Smith.
The September minutes were approved.

GREELEY HOUSE

Celie Aufiero and Meredith Smith discussed their meeting with Peter Michaud, (NH Historic Resources) earlier in the day. Peter had come to view the Greeley House and discuss the possibilities of using the 20% federal tax credits with the proposed renovations. Meredith explained the details of National Historic Register and the tax credit program. EVA, current owner of the Greeley House, will be exploring all options for renovating the house in the next few weeks.

RAILROAD BRIDGE REMOVAL

There is no new information on the railroad bridge removal. The street lights for the bridge have been ordered.

MARKER DISCUSSION

There was extensive discussion of the revised wording for the proposed historic marker. The NH Historic Resources is requiring more documentation regarding the Shakers and their influence in bringing the railroad to the opposite side of the lake. Suzanne suggested the possibility of contacting Ken Cushing who is knowledgeable in railroad issues. Marjorie will contact Ken. Suzanne will get together with Mary Ann Haagen to work on further documentation of the railroad and the Shaker influence.

PAINTING OF BRIDGE RESTORATION

Steve Schneider informed the Commission that the Selectmen have decided to restore the painting donated to the town, no matter the cost (within reason). Bart Thurber, art historian, has viewed the painting and established that it has no real value as a work of art; the value is in local interest only. The funding will not come from Heritage Commission's budget. Meredith Smith suggested that the town check with Chris Hadsell of Curtains Without Borders regarding a possible restoration quote.

CAMP EASEMENT PROGRAM

Shirley Green discussed the possibility of partnering with the Heritage Commission at the last Conservation Commission meeting. They have agreed to support the research into the possibility of establishing a camp easement program here in Enfield. Shirley will bring up this issue at the NH Lakes meeting. Meredith will continue to try and get in touch with Roger La Rochelle at the Squam Lakes Conservation Center.

MUSEUM UPDATE

Meredith gave a brief review of the activities at the Museum. There will be an offering of craft classes for children this fall, in addition to many other activities. Michael O'Connor has been appointed Curator, very welcome news indeed!

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith smith, Chair