

The Enfield Heritage Commission held its monthly meeting in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Marjorie Carr, Paul Mirski, Rebecca Stewart, Celie Aufiero, Suzanne Hinman, Steve Schneider, Town Manager, Dolores Struckhoff, EVA Ex. Director, and Meredith Smith, Chair.

The April minutes were approved after one small correction.

Meredith Smith updated the Commission on the status of Enfield's National Historic Register nomination. It was approved on April 19, 2010 but the State of NH must first notify each property owner within the historic district before a press release can be sent out. Smith anticipates this will happen within the next couple of weeks and that the town will then receive its 'official notification' of Enfield Village's placement on the National Historic Register. It is hoped that some type of festive celebration can be planned in conjunction with the announcement of the National Register. Steve Schneider suggested a banner across Main Street, welcoming people to Enfield Village, a National Historic Register District. Dolores Struckhoff also mentioned the possibility of some type of EVA block party or celebration during the summer. She will discuss the matter of a celebration with the EVA Board later in June.

A discussion of the plans for the 250th celebration updated the Commission on proposed events and the draft schedule. Smith noted that Paula Rowe, in charge of the parade for the 250th, is having difficulty finding a marching band for the event. Rebecca Stewart suggested she talk to David Wilson (high school Band Director) again to see if a compromise could be reached with the high school band availability.

Rebecca Stewart brought a copy of the poster from the first play performed in Whitney Hall called 'Willowdale' and said she was downloading the script at home. She proposed this play as a possible production for the 250th. Celie Aufiero also spoke about the play project she is working on and also, possible skits covering the history of Enfield. The play project will be brought to the 250th Steering Committee for further discussion.

Steve Schneider told the Commission that he and the Selectboard are waiting for the Governor to be free of the budgeting process so they can meet with him regarding the proposed million dollar rail trail bridge. It is important that those in opposition to the bridge contact their representatives, Ray Burton, and the DOT. Schneider also noted that there are already five at-grade crossings in Enfield. Adding one more would make very little difference to the rail trail overall.

Meredith Smith mentioned that the Enfield Center Town House was in need of some repairs, especially around the foundation where the clapboards are showing bare wood. Steve Schneider said there was \$2500 in the budget for maintenance on the building this year. Rebecca Stewart volunteered to get some painting and glazing estimates. She also noted that painters must be certified in lead abatement when working on a structure built before 1978.

Suzanne Hinman asked what was happening with the Bill property, noting all the heavy equipment there. Steve Schneider said the town had purchased an easement from the owner as part of the sewer line project. All the equipment and digging going on there is related to the sewer project, now in process.

Dolores Struckhoff gave a report on current EVA activities. She noted that Upper Valley Life Magazine will be featuring an article about the historic designation in their fall issue and that she needs to contribute something from EVA. On Saturday, May 22, 50 people (on Main Street and at Crystal Lake) showed up for the clean-up day and a lot of trash was picked up, especially general household trash. Dolores will write letters to all the Main Street property owners, encouraging them to keep their properties neat and tidy. EVA will be focusing on fund raising and economic development in the next few months.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith smith, Chair