

January 28, 2011
Enfield Heritage Commission Minutes

The January meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Marjorie Carr, Suzanne Hinman, Mary Ann Haagen, Mike Seiler, and Meredith Smith, Chair. The October and December minutes were approved as written.

Meredith Smith gave an update of the planning for Enfield's 250th celebration and reported on her meeting with Dolores Struckhoff and Paula Rowe. There followed a discussion of what type of keepsake souvenir might be appropriate for the celebration. Mary Ann Haagen suggested doing wood blocks similar to the Cat's Meow-EVA project as a souvenir, making blocks of places around town such as Whitney Hall. Meredith Smith mentioned that a poster-type collage has been discussed as a possibility as well.

Meredith Smith presented a draft of possible guidelines for the annual preservation award which she had adopted from the NH Preservation Alliance's annual award. The annual award will be decided at a later date after the guidelines have been established.

Suzanne Hinman presented the wording for the historic marker for comment. Suzanne, Mary Ann Haagen, and Marjorie Carr have been working on the appropriate wording for the plaque which will mark Enfield's National Historic Register District. After some discussion, the wording was changed slightly to reflect the time from 1761 to the 1840 period. Suzanne reminded the Commission that she will need footnotes and a bibliography. Mary Ann volunteered to assist with this project. Finally, there will be a need for a petition. Meredith will ask Doug Smith for a format which he recently developed.

Mary Ann Haagen reported on what the Enfield Shaker Museum is planning for the 250th celebration as its special exhibit. She is also interested in possibly having an exhibit of major donors to the town such as George Whitney, Copeland, and Huse.

Mike Seiler reported on progress of St. Helena's Church display and softball tournament. The church will have an exhibit of its past history which is being planned by the Parish Council.

Suzanne reported that her husband, Jeff Hinman, is photographing construction progress on the new bridge. Mary Ann Haagen suggested it might be a nice idea for EVA to send out regular bulletins on bridge progress.

Marge Carr reported that Bill Coons has spoken to her and is interested in doing a Shaker play for the 250th. He has mentioned a play called The Shaker Chair. Meredith Smith will try to follow up with Bill Coons on this at the Shaker Bridge Theatre's brainstorming session on February 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Smith, Chair