

## APRIL 28, 2011 MINUTES ENFIELD HERITAGE COMMISSION

Those in attendance: Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Mary Ann Haagen, Suzanne Hinman, Paul Mirski, and Meredith Smith. The February minutes were approved as written.

### STATE HISTORIC DISTRICT

The State Historic Resources Council on April 25, 2011, to 'recognize' the Enfield Village Historic District. Next step will be to provide the names and mailing addresses of all the property owners within the district who own contributing properties, and plan on setting up a public meeting. To place Whitney Hall on both National & State Historic Register, we will need a motion from the town Selectboard. The Heritage Commission voted unanimously to ask the Town Manager to follow up to have Whitney Hall nominated to the State and National Register of Historic Places.

### ANNUAL AWARD GUIDELINES

Several members of the Commission have not yet reviewed the draft guidelines. Suzanne Hinman will work on 'word smithing' the draft guidelines to better fit the needs of the Heritage Commission.

### WHITNEY HALL CURTAIN PROJECT & ENFIELD CENTER TOWN HALL

Meredith Smith informed the Commission that the Town Manager has contacted Chris Hadsell, curtain restoration specialist, asking her for a start and completion schedule. The Moose Plate Grant will expire on June 30, 2011 if the work is not completed by then. To date, there has been no response from Ms. Hadsell. Meredith Smith also reminded the Commission that the Enfield Center Town Hall needed to be cleared out for the various activities planned there for the 250th celebration. The large Whitney Hall curtain needs to be moved to another location (perhaps DPW) so play rehearsals can take place there and the displays planned for the 250th can be set up. Regarding the other furniture and property stored in the Center Town Hall, Celie felt that Steve Schneider should contact Grange regarding the removal of their property from the Center Town Hall. Meredith will convey this request to Steve. When the Whitney Hall Curtain is restored and installed, it is anticipated there will be an unveiling ceremony in late summer or early fall.

### SHAKER BRIDGE UPDATE

Meredith Smith and Paul Mirski attended the April 14 DOT hearing in Concord. Paul Mirski briefly explained the four proposals being discussed for the Rail Trail re-routing. Paul has proposed to the DOT a slight alternative to 'Plan 2' which would, raise Main Street a couple of feet for a 3% grade for an at-grade crossing and offer the possibility of saving the old railroad bridge, considered eligible for the National Historic Register. The DOT is currently considering Paul's alternative plan. The big obstacle seems to be the Rail Trail organization.

### 250th CELEBRATION

There was a general update & discussion of the plans for the 250th celebration. Celie will be holding try-outs May 7, 8, & 9 for the play to be performed at the Enfield Center Town Hall. She is still looking for a piano player for the play. Meredith volunteered to contact Wendell re: Will Ogmenson to play the piano. There was an extensive discussion of Colonial Ball. Mary Ann Haagen suggested that the Heritage Commission is represented with every member chairing or involved with a committee. Each person on the Commission has a responsibility for at least one 250th activity. It was the consensus of the Heritage Commission that we should not have our name attached to any one activity or event as the Heritage Commission is the overall sponsor of the entire celebration. The Commission members also expressed

concern regarding the issue of re-enactors attending the ball, since the 250th Committee had unanimously voted against having any type of military re-enactments. Meredith pointed out that they had only expressed an interest in attending the ball, not actually doing a re-enactment. Celie brought up the fact she had contacted the Garden Club re: flowers but they did not say yes. Suzanne mentioned that she will give a talk at the Historical Society on June 1 and would like it to be added to the 250th list of events. The talk will be titled 'A field Guide to Enfield's Victorian Architecture.

#### SIGNAGE UPDATE

Meredith Smith inquired about the Chinese restaurant on the Copeland Block. She will ask Dolores if there is still an active lease with the Chinese restaurant and if not, would the Copeland Block owner consider a 250th sign hanging on the sign bracket. Regarding the historic plaque, MAH has finished the footnotes. Meredith Smith suggested that if there were to be money left in the 250th budget (through funds being returned to the town), the money might be applied to paying for the plaque.

#### SHAKER BRIDGE THEATRE

Meredith reported that she is working on a reception & future fund raiser for Shaker Bridge Theatre

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Smith, Chair