

August 25, 2011 Enfield Heritage Commission Minutes

Those present: Marjorie Carr, Mary Ann Haagen, Celie Aufiero, Meredith Smith, Steve Schneider. Suzanne Hinman was excused.

The May minutes were approved as written.

State Historic Register: Meredith Smith explained the next step in Enfield's application to create a State Historic District (same boundaries as National Register District). She has requested a list of contributing properties with owners and mailing addresses from Julie Huntley. This list will be sent to the NH Historic Resources. That office will send letters to all contributing property owners, informing them of the proposed State Historic District and inviting them to a public forum. A tentative date was suggested by the Commission of October 12, 2011 (Wednesday).

Enfield Center Town House: The Commission discussed the success of the play, Dirty Works at the Crossroads' put on by Commission member Celie Aufiero. Meredith Smith suggested sending Mr. Muzzey a small donation and thank-you note from the 250th Committee for allowing parking on his property during the play's performances. There appears to be a renewed interest in community theater and using the Center Hall as a home for the theater as a result of the success of this summer's play. Steve suggested the Town House be put under the supervision/booking of the Heritage Commission. Meredith or Celie will send an email to Steve to formally turn responsibility for Town House bookings to the Heritage Commission. There was also a discussion of maintenance on the Center Hall building. There is \$5000 in this year's budget for painting and maintenance of the building. Meredith will send Jim Taylor an email to schedule maintenance to be done before winter sets in.

Shaker Bridge update: DOT had a meeting last week with SHPO. Steve said the DOT is still looking into possible solutions for the Rail Trail relocation that will also satisfy the State Historic Preservation Office. Mary Ann asked about a celebration for the bridge opening in August of 2012. Meredith will request that the Heritage Commission take on the responsibility of the celebration. Marjorie mentioned several bridge openings she has participated. Mary Ann suggested we invite Brother Arnold to come for the opening. August 10 is the finish date. All agreed that was an excellent idea.

Historic Marker Project: Marjorie reported for Suzanne (excused) on the marker project and provided two handouts for discussion at the meeting. The Commission voted on the wording of 'Option B' that Suzanne has written. It is unclear what the cost for the marker will be. Meredith will contact Mary Kate Ryan and ask for a firm quote. It appears that there could be some funds left over from the 250th celebration which might be applied to the purchase of the marker. Some funds have already been set aside for the marker purchase from previous budgets (encumbered funds).

Property Owners' Applications to National Register: Meredith Smith noted that she has had an informal request from Don Wyman regarding placing his property on Route 4 on the National Historic Register (it is within the National Register District). Meredith will look into what is required and have information available for property owners within the District.

There was no 250th report as a wrap-up meeting had been held the previous evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Smith, Chair