

January 29, 2009 Minutes  
Enfield Heritage Commission

The January 29, 2009 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Suzanne Hinman, Marjorie Carr, Celie Aufiero, , and Meredith Smith, Chair. Absent: Rebecca Stewart (excused), Paul Mirski, & Mary Ann Hagen. The Commission voted to approve the minutes from the September & October meetings.

Meredith Smith updated the Commission on the National Register application. The historic researchers have completed the organization of photographs and will now be switching their attention to updating the data on the historic structures within the district.

Meredith Smith reported on the progress of the Smith Pond Dam repairs. It is well underway with completion expected in 2009.

Rebecca Stewart had contacted Meredith Smith by phone, prior to the meeting, about application for the Moose Plate Grant. She suggested that application be made for the grant to restore the historic theater drop which had been removed from Whitney Hall. The conservator, Chris Hadsel, had estimated the cost of restoration at \$7000. Stewart suggested we apply for the full \$10,000 amount to cover the cost of restoration and re-rigging the drop. This would include installation of the drop in Whitney Hall auditorium. All agreed that Rebecca was the person best suited to work on the grant since she has been most closely involved with the theater drop project. Smith will contact Rebecca to ask if she will follow up with the grant application.

Suzanne Hinman reported that EVA financial support was down considerably and that the Executive Director position would be eliminated. Sharon Carr, who had been the Ex. Director, retired in January. EVA will now rely on volunteers to run the organization. Suzanne also reported that EVA will pursue an application to the Mascoma Foundation to continue the historic marker project on Main Street. EVA will contact Marjorie Carr for her recommendations as to which sites or buildings should be added to the historic marker project.

A discussion of the Enfield Preservation Award resulted in choosing two candidates to receive the award, which will be presented at Town Meeting on March 14.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Smith, Chair