

Minutes of February 26, 2009 Meeting  
Enfield Heritage Commission

The February 26, 2009 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference room at 5:30 PM. Those in attendance were: Suzanne Hinman, Rebecca Stewart, Selectboard Representative, Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Meredith Smith, Chair, and Steven Schneider, Town Manager.

Chairman Smith gave a brief report on the work being done on the National Register application. All photographs have been labeled and put in correct order. The researcher is now working on the historical written report with will accompany each photograph.

A discussion followed as to what should be presented at Town Meeting. All felt it would be very useful to have a large map in the hallway along with other displays, illustrating the boundaries of the proposed National Register Historic District. Meredith Smith will ask Jim Taylor to produce the map.

Also discussed was the new annual award to be given honoring the person contributing to Enfield's preservation efforts. All agreed the first recipient should be Don Roberts. He will be presented with a certificate and Shaker box at Town Meeting.

Meredith Smith reported on the conference she attended in Concord recently on Successful Funding Strategies for Historic Preservation. She handed out a written report created from her notes taken at the conference. Within the report were several good contacts for future reference.

Rebecca Stewart reported on her work on the Moose Plate Grant, which is due March 27. Enfield will be applying for the grant to repair and stabilize the large theater drop, which was taken from Whitney Hall several years ago. The grant application will include a request for \$4700 for conservation and stabilization of the drop and a \$4200 request for re-rigging the curtain in Whitney Hall. Meredith Smith will write a letter of support from the Heritage Commission to accompany the grant application.

A lengthy open discussion regarding EVA and ways that the Heritage Commission might partner with EVA brought forth several suggestions. Some felt that the town needed a local Chamber of Commerce, a role that EVA might fulfill. Others suggested ways that the Heritage Commission might work with EVA to further the historic preservation efforts in the town. All felt that EVA needed to move its focus to cover the entire town. Smith reminded the group that EVA, as a Main Street Program is an arm of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Rebecca Stewart will discuss possible cooperative efforts with EVA at their next board meeting.

Suzanne Hinman brought a list of possible properties on Main Street, which might be identified to have an historic marker. EVA will be applying for a Mascoma Foundation for six more historic markers. The Commission decided on the following six: Site of 1770 Shaker Woolen Mills, Blacksmith Alley, Depot Square Freight Shed, Site of 1855 Shaker Grist Mill, 1901 Wells & Flanders Grist Mill, and the 1904 Passenger Station.

Rebecca Stewart suggested the Heritage Commission have a clean up work day in the spring at the Enfield Center Town House. All agreed. A date will be set for the clean up at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Smith, Chair