

Minutes of March 26, 2009
Enfield Heritage Commission

The March 26, 2009 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were: Suzanne Hinman, Paul Mirski, Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Rebecca Stewart, Steven Schneider, Town Manager, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Meredith Smith announced that Rebecca Stewart had been appointed the Selectman's representative to the Heritage Commission.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved with a vote of 5 to 0 with Paul Mirski abstaining as he had not attended the February meeting.

Steve Schneider reported that the Moose Plate Grant had been submitted to the NH Arts Council, requesting a grant of \$9977 for stabilization and re-rigging of the historic theater drop from Whitney Hall, currently in storage at the Enfield Center Town House. If the grant application is successful, the theater drop will be re-installed in the Whitney Hall Auditorium.

Suzanne Hinman reported that she had submitted a grant application to the Mascoma Foundation, requesting \$2400 for additional historic markers and replacement of two missing markers.

Rebecca Stewart reported that April Farwell of the Enfield Grange had contacted her. The Grange would like the theater drops belonging to them and currently stored in the Enfield Center Town house returned to them. The National Grange has a program, which they plan to collect the old theater drops belonging to various Granges. It was noted that the theater drops belonging to the Grange would have to be identified as some belong to the Town of Enfield.

Paul Mirski noted that Jim Proctor has a wonderful slide show of old photos of Enfield on a laptop computer at his check-out desk; worth a visit to Proctor's Store! Paul also mentioned the researchers who will be coming to Canaan on Friday, March 27 at 3 PM to discuss the Noyes Academy Building (one of last year's Seven to Save). Paul will also send more information (electronically) about this project to Meredith Smith to distribute to the Commission. Noyes Academy educated black youths (1834-35), many of who became noted citizens.

Marge Carr mentioned that she had received an email from Kari Lamprey, the historic researcher working on Enfield's application to the National Register. Marge will respond with the requested information.

Paul Mirski suggested that Enfield hold a nationwide design competition for the proposed new Shaker Bridge. Paul suggested such a competition would offer Enfield a truly exciting design; something people would come to see. Steve Schneider will bring this idea to the next Selectboard meeting when the new bridge is on the agenda for discussion.

A lengthy discussion of the future of EVA held. Smith mentioned that she had invited Sharon Carr to the Heritage meeting but Carr had not responded. It was suggested that we invite a representative from the EVA board to the next meeting of the Commission. Smith will invite Lynn Martel and Lee Carrier to the meeting. Smith suggested that since EVA was part of the Main Street Program and that Main Street was an arm of the National Trust for historic Preservation, it was a "natural" that we cooperate with EVA's efforts in whatever ways we could.

Meredith Smith gave an update on the activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum, noting the weekend of April 3-4-5, the Museum will host a Shaker Forum with visitors from all over the country. Also noted were the Country Life Festival in June, the April Elderhostel (also bringing people from all over the country to Enfield), the Farmer's Market relocating to the Museum, and the April School Vacation Week.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair