

Minutes of September 24, 2009
Enfield Heritage Commission

The September meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were Celie Aufeiro, Paul Mirski, Suzanne Hinman, Mary Ann Haagen, Meredith Smith, and Steven Schneider, Town Manager. Approval of minutes from the August meeting were postponed until the next meeting in October.

Meredith Smith gave an update on the status of Enfield's National Register Application. The photographs (numbered, labeled, and placed in archival pages in binders) have been delivered to the historic researcher. It is anticipated that the application will be submitted in January of 2010. There will be a letter and information regarding the Historic District sent to the property owners within the Historic District in November. A public meeting, explaining the benefits of this National Historic Register District will also be held sometime in November.

Steven Schneider reported that the Selectboard had appointed Paul Mirski as their "gadfly" to lobby for improvements to the Shaker Bridge replacement. Paul and Steve will meet with Alex Vogt of NH DOT in the near future to discuss enhancements to the new bridge. It is hoped that money saved in not rebuilding the rail-trail bridge (utilizing an at-grade crossing) can be applied to better lighting, sidewalks, and other amenities in the new bridge. Mirski also brought up the possibility of increasing the height of the new bridge to accommodate small sailboats such as the Lasers from the Sailing Club.

Suzanne Hinman reported that the Enfield Advocate Historic Marker was being made and would soon be in place. Also, Lee Carrier, EVA President is looking into the possibility of honoring more historic structures and sites on Main Street with historic markers and will be meeting with Allan Charbano, the sign maker to discuss costs.

A lengthy discussion of Enfield's 250th Anniversary Celebration resulted in many excellent suggestions. It will involve a great deal of advanced planning and coordination with other town groups such as the Historical Society, the Lions and Lioness Clubs, Boy & Girl Scouts and EVA. The suggestions included: A Main Street Time Line, Oral History Project, Steamboat Regatta, Old Car Parade, Shaker Play at Enfield Center Town House, Town Parade, Readings of the Middle Grant Charter and Declaration of Independence, Civil or French & Indian War Reenactments, Bluegrass Concert at Whaleback, Band Concert in (hoped for) Band Stand in Huse Park, and the Governor's Horse Guards. Paul Mirski reminded the Commission that anyone such as a musical group, dramatic interpreter, or other special performance needed to be booked now. Meredith Smith will meet with Dolores Strukhoff, EVA Executive Director to discuss planning for the celebration to be held the week of July 4, 2011. Smith also mentioned that she would like the celebration to be the catalyst for the return of Enfield Old Home Days.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair