

Minutes of October 29, 2009
Enfield Heritage Commission

The October 29th meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Enfield Public Library due to a scheduling conflict with the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance were Marjorie Carr, Mary Ann Hagen, Rebecca Stewart, Celie Aufeiro, Paul Mirski, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Special guest Dolores Struckhoff, EVA Executive Director also attended the meeting. The minutes of the August and September meetings were approved as written.

Meredith Smith gave an update on the application to the National Historic Register. She reported that the press release had gone out to various media sources and that she had done two radio interviews in the past week. Also, the Valley News had interviewed her and would probably be publishing an article in the Sunday, November 1st newspaper. Smith also reported that Peter Michaud from the NH Division of Historic Resources had agreed to attend the public information meeting scheduled for December first. Mr. Michaud is the person in charge of NH applications to the National Register. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the letter to be sent by the town to the property owners within the proposed district. It was agreed by all that this letter should be sent out in mid-November and include an invitation to the planned public meeting on December first.

Paul Mirski reported that he had not heard anything recently from the DOT regarding the bridge project. A letter was to be sent by the town to the DOT stating their proposed improvements for the new bridge. Mr. Mirski asked members of the Commission to contact the Town Manager, making sure the letter goes out. He also reported that the DOT had agreed to move the sidewalk to the other side of the bridge (the side looking down towards the south end of the lake) but that he still hoped for two sidewalks.

A lengthy discussion of the upcoming 250th anniversary celebration in 2011 resulted in several ideas. The consensus was that planning needed to begin immediately to coordinate participation of various town clubs and organizations. All felt that the Heritage Commission was the ideal candidate to bring these groups together and begin the planning process. Meredith Smith will write a proposal to the Selectboard and hopefully, organize a meeting of interested townspeople early in the new year. Other ideas put forth were an oral history project, especially focused on mill history, a play at the Enfield Center Town Hall, a talent show, parade floats illustrating the history of Enfield, and contacting the music director at the High School with the possibility of a "reunion band".

Dolores Struckhoff, EVA Executive Director, discussed the plans for Hometown Holidays, to be held on December 5. There will be 19th century costumed people offering a walking tour of Main Street in addition to numerous other activities for young and old alike. She also reported that all the missing or destroyed historic plaques have been replaced.

Rebecca Stewart reported that Cris Hadsell of the Vermont Curtain Project had called her regarding the status of the Mooseplate Grant. Rebecca will follow up with the Town Manager to find out if the grant has been announced. It is hoped that the Whitney Hall curtain could be restored and installed for the 250th celebration.

Mary Ann Hagen informed the Commission of the successful conclusion Capital Campaign for the Great Stone Dwelling and that there would be a celebration on Sunday afternoon, November 1 at the Museum. The campaign reached its goal of \$1,100,000, a most impressive accomplishment indeed!

Meredith Smith reminded the members that there would be no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The combined November-December meeting will be held on December 10 in the Whitney Hall Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair