

Minutes of December 10, 2009
Enfield Heritage Commission

The November/December meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held on December 10, 2009 in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. This meeting combined the November and December meetings due to the holiday schedule. Those in attendance: Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufeiro, Paul Mirski, Marjorie Carr, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Mary Ann Haagen was excused.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.

There was a general discussion of the December first public meeting. All agreed that overall, the meeting was successful. Smith noted that the NH Historic Resources has taken Enfield's letter to use as a template for other towns going through the National Register application process.

Meredith Smith gave an update of the National Register application and where it stands. She reported that NH Historic Resources has reviewed the draft of the application and found no need for additional information or corrections. Suzanne Hinman agreed to serve as the point person for communications and PR regarding the National Register application. All agreed that a press release would be sent out once the application has been approved by the US Dept. of Interior.

Paul Mirski has agreed to attend the December 21 meeting with NH DOT regarding the Shaker Bridge project. Mr. Mirski noted he still had not seen the letter the town has sent to the DOT with the "wish list" of what Enfield would like to see in the new bridge.

Meredith Smith reported that the Selectboard had agreed to her written proposal that the Heritage Commission begin organizing the planning process for Enfield's 250th Anniversary Celebration. Following a long discussion of how the planning process should be approached, all agreed that the Historical Society should be invited to the January Heritage meeting. After that meeting, the Heritage Commission should proceed with organizing a general meeting in February of civic groups, churches, representatives from the schools, and other interested citizens. It is hoped that from this meeting, a working committee can be formed to begin the planning process for the anniversary celebration.

The Commission discussed the presentation of the annual Enfield Preservation Award and decided on this year's recipient. It was also suggested that the award be inscribed with the recipient's name and year of the award. Meredith Smith agreed to look into the possibility of a small brass plaque being attached to the award.

Meredith Smith reported that EVA's Hometown Holidays was very successful with the best turnout in years. It is hoped that with this year's success, Hometown Holidays can build into a "signature event" for Enfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair