May 22, 2008 Minutes Enfield Heritage Commission

The May 22 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those attending were: Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Marjorie Carr, Mary Ann Hagen, Meredith Smith, Chair, and Steven Schneider, Town Manager.

Meredith Smith informed the Commission of a conversation she had with Lynn Monroe, the historic researcher working on the National Register application. Monroe has taken the necessary photographs (12 rolls of film) but she may need to return to Enfield for additional fieldwork. She also asked if the Commission could assist in finding copies of the old photographs (early pictures of structures in the proposed historic district). Marjorie Carr felt that Ms. Monroe already has copies of these photographs and wondered why she needed additional copies. A further discussion resulted in questions concerning the timeframe for the application. Steve Schneider agreed to contact Ms. Monroe regarding timeframe and the old photographs she requested.

Enfield Center Town House was once again discussed. Steve Schneider related that the Muzzy family (owners of the property surrounding the Town House) are simply not interested in discussing possibilities for land acquisition by the town. Steve also pointed out that until a real use for the building can be presented, there would be no point in further exploration of possibilities for the building. All agreed that the building should be maintained and preserved until such time as a use could be decided upon. Currently, the building is used only for storage and has no heat, water, septic, or parking, making it virtually unusable for town programs.

Suzanne Hinman gave the EVA update. She reported that a façade grant had been awarded to the owners of the former Fogg's Hardware building, that the "Welcome to Historic Enfield Village" sign was in place, and that the kiosk on Main Street would be in place for the Memorial Day celebration. A big thanks to the Boy Scouts who built the kiosk and the "Welcome to Historic Enfield Village" sign! A brief discussion was also held regarding the future of EVA, since Sharon Carr had sent out a questionnaire in the latest newsletter asking for suggestions as to a plan for the future.

Mary Ann Hagen reported on the many activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum. The summer months will see organ concerts, a Country Life Festival, International Trumpet Seminar, Patriotic Sing-Along, Art and Garden Tour, Woods Tea Company concert, and a gala Dragonfly Ball, catered by Enfield's own Seasons Restaurant. It was also noted that the Museum participated in the belated Town Easter Egg Hunt, providing craft projects for the attending children.

In other business, Suzanne Hinman noted that June 1 through 7 has been declared "NH Walk Week" and she will be leading an historic walk though Enfield Village.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair