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June 25, 2008 Enfield Heritage Commission

The June 25, 2008 meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those attending were: Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Rebecca Stewart, Marjorie Carr, and Meredith Smith, Chair.

Smith discussed the communications she has been having with Lynn Monroe, historic researcher, regarding the progress of Enfield's application to the National Register. The necessary photographs have been taken and developed and the town has been billed for this work. She will contact Ms. Monroe regarding a timeframe for completion of the application process. Smith also agreed to check with the NH Division of Historic Resources as to whether signage could now refer to Enfield Village as an historic district.

The Commission agreed unanimously to investigate the possibility of creating a National Register District in Enfield Center. Suzanne Hinman agreed to look into possible funding sources for such an application. Smith suggested she check with the 1772 Foundation, Preserve America Foundation, and the Certified Local Government program as starting points for her research.

The proposed Whitney Hall painting project was discussed at length. David Stewart and Paul Mirski will meet to discuss appropriate historic color choices. Only the front and south facades will be painted this year due to budget constraints. Rebecca Stewart emphasized that the paint will be brushed on (not sprayed) and that it will include sanding, scraping, primer coat and two finish coats.

The trustee of the Decker estate, Mr. Fred Wilbeck, has contacted Marjorie Carr, Town Historian regarding possible renovations to the Decker house (a Shaker built house, at one time, their school house). He has also contacted Phil Neily, Enfield Building Inspector. Smith said she had spoken with Mr. Neily regarding the proposed renovations and has been assured that they are in keeping with historic preservation guidelines. The trustee is very aware of the important historic background of the Decker house and is anxious to preserve the architectural integrity of the house.

Suzanne Hinman reported on the activities of the EVA Design Committee. The hanging planters have been installed on Main Street. The Boy Scout project to build a kiosk on Main Street is complete, as is the other Boy Scout project of signage at the Shaker Bridge. All commended EVA for getting these projects accomplished and making such a positive addition to the town.

Marjorie Carr reported that the library is currently interviewing construction managers for the building project. The library trustees will soon kick off the first phase of the fund raising campaign.

In the absence of Mary Ann Haagen, Meredith Smith reported on the many activities and events happening at the Enfield Shaker Museum over the summer months. There will be several concerts, an Art & Garden Tour, the Dragonfly Ball, a Shaker dinner, and the annual Fourth of July Patriotic Sing-Along.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair