

**July 24, 2008 Minutes**  
**Enfield Heritage Commission**

The July meeting of the Enfield Heritage Commission was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those attending were Suzanne Hinman, Celie Aufiero, Paul Mirski, Marjorie Carr, Steven Schneider, Town Manager, and Meredith Smith, Chair.

Smith opened the meeting with a discussion of policy regarding meeting minutes. It was agreed that they would be distributed in draft form electronically, with approval of minutes to be voted on at the following month's meeting.

In a discussion of the pending National Historic Register application, Paul Mirski questioned the redefined boundaries in the Route 4 area. Mr. Mirski will contact Lynn Monroe regarding this issue. Meredith Smith explained the work required of the Commission in labeling photographs (provided by historic researcher) and creating the inventory lists of properties within the proposed district. Smith will meet with Beth Muzzey, Director of NH Historic Resources in early August regarding the letter, which will be sent to all property owners within the proposed district. With the tremendous workload the Commission is facing, there will be two meetings in the month of August to work on labeling of photographs. Those meetings will be on August 14 and August 28. The time will be 5 PM instead of the usual 5:30 PM.

Smith also mentioned that one of the requirements of the Register application process was a series of public meetings to inform the citizens of the town about the National Register designation. Smith will be speaking at the October meeting of the Enfield Historical Society, (to be held at the Community Building on Wednesday, October 1) as the first in a series of proposed informational meetings. Other meetings will be held throughout the winter months with speakers coming to Enfield from the NH Division of Historic Resources.

Suzanne Hinman reported on possible grant funding opportunities for an Enfield Center National Register application. Unfortunately, at the present time, Enfield does not qualify for the Certified Local Government grants because the town does not have a regulatory historic district in place. Suzanne did find an interesting possibility in her research, which might be worth pursuing. George Knox, an early settler in Enfield Center (Knox River, George Hill, George's Pond named after him) was a black man. It is possible that this connection might qualify Enfield for some grant funding through such sources as African-American cultural organizations. Hinman will continue to research Knox and possible grant funding opportunities. The Commission agreed that the Village National Register application needed to be completed before it started work on Enfield Center, however.

Meredith Smith reported on activities at the Enfield Shaker Museum. A successful Art & Garden Tour, in cooperation with EVA, was held in July, along with numerous concerts, including Enfield's own George Butler playing the organ with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra. A gala ball is to be held on August 2 to raise funds for the Museum. On August 8, there will be a visit from NH Historic Resources & NH Cultural Affairs to the Museum.

Steven Schneider updated the Commission on the current process of creating a new strategic plan for Enfield. He encouraged input from the Commission. With Enfield's Shaker legacy and a nationally recognized museum in the town, historic resources should certainly play a role in this planning process. Commission members are encouraged to attend the up-coming Selectboard meetings, the next one on August 4 to be held in the Enfield Center Town House.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Meredith Smith, Chair